

lawfully absented themselves from home, or have illegally emigrated from another State, or are in any manner violating the law.

62. They shall, as soon as convenient, take every person whom they may apprehend before some justice of the peace of the county for examination, and if, upon full investigation, the justice shall be of opinion that such person has run away from the service of his master, or has illegally emigrated to this State, or has in any manner violated the law, he shall commit him to the county jail, to be dealt with according to law.

63. If they shall have reason to suspect that any runaway negro or slave is concealed or harbored in any dwelling or outhouse of any negro within their search, they shall demand to be admitted into the same for the purpose of search, and if the owner or occupant shall refuse to suffer such entry and search, they may use all necessary force to effect the same, and, in any action of trespass or other suit brought by any owner or occupant for any entry made in virtue of this section, the defendant may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence.

64. If any person named in such requisition or patrol, on being duly notified and summoned by the justice of the peace, or by their authority, shall neglect or refuse to obey such summons, he shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars nor less than fifty cents, to be recovered as small debts are, by summons in the name of the State, and to be applied to the use of the commissioners of the school fund of the county.

65. No free negro or slave shall have or use any row-boat, or other boat, on the Potomac River, or the shore thereof, in Charles county, without, if a free negro, having obtained a license from a justice of the peace for said county, or if a slave, the special written permit of his master.

66. Any free negro who shall have or use a boat on the shores of the Potomac River, in Charles county, without a license as provided in the preceding section, shall upon conviction before a justice of the peace for said county be fined not less than five nor more than fifty dollars and costs, and the boat shall be condemned and sold by order of the justice, and the fine and proceeds of sale paid to the county commissioners of said county.