

Davis' mill dam, in Frederick county, are nuisances, and may be pulled down and abated as such by any person, and the person erecting the same shall be liable to indictment as in other cases of nuisance.

235. If any slave shall erect any dam or device or place any stones or obstructions of any kind, so as to obstruct the navigation of said river below the point aforesaid, he shall upon complaint under oath being made to a justice of the peace for said county, be apprehended upon a warrant to be issued by said justice, and be whipped in his discretion, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes.

236. If any person shall obstruct or hinder any other person from abating such nuisance, or shall assault or wound any person for abating the same, after attempting so to do, he shall, besides being subject to an action by the party injured, forfeit the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in the Circuit Court for said county, or by indictment in said court, one-half to the informer or him who will sue for or prosecute the same with effect, and the other half to the use of the county.

NEGROES AND SLAVES.

237. Any justice of the peace for Frederick county, upon the application of three judicious persons, may issue a requisition for as many inhabitants of the county subject to militia duty, as he may think necessary, not exceeding fifteen in any one company, to be denominated a patrol.

238. The said justice shall appoint two discreet persons of said patrol to be captains.

239. Said patrol shall serve for a period of not less than three nor more than eight hours.

240. They shall make diligent search through the district prescribed in their authority, and disperse all unlawful and riotous assemblages of negroes, and apprehend and seize all negroes and slaves whom they have reason to suspect have unlawfully absented themselves from home, or have illegally emigrated from another State, or are in any manner violating the laws of this State.