

241. They shall, as soon as convenient, take all persons whom they have apprehended before some justice of the peace for the county for examination, and if upon such investigation and inquiry 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 in any manner violated the law, he shall commit him to the county jail to be dealt with according to law; but if any person so apprehended shall, on inquiry, be found guilty of a misdemeanor, only cognizable by a justice of the peace, he shall be dealt with accordingly.

242. They shall, if they have reason to suspect that any runaway negro slave is concealed or harbored in any dwelling or out-house of any negro within their search, demand admittance of the owner or occupant of such house; and if the owner or occupant shall refuse such entry, they may use all necessary force to effect the same, and in any suit brought by any owner or occupant for any entry made in pursuance of this section, the defendant may, on the general issue, give the special matter in evidence.

243. If any person named in such requisition or patrol, on being duly notified, shall refuse or neglect to obey the summons, he shall be subject to a fine not exceeding five dollars nor less than fifty cents, to be recovered by summons in the name of the State, and paid to the county commissioners for the use of the county.

ORPHANS' COURT.

244. Each judge of the Orphans' Court for Frederick county shall receive two dollars a day for each day he shall attend the sessions of said court.

245. The county commissioners of said county shall annually levy on the assessable property of said county such sum as they deem sufficient to pay the salaries of the judges of the Orphans' Court for the ensuing year, and the collector shall pay the same on the second Tuesday of August and February, annually, upon the certificate of the register of wills for said county, showing the amount due to each.

PARSONAGES.

246. The several parsonage houses of religious denominations in Frederick county shall be exempt from assessment for county and corporation taxes.

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