

## NEGROES.

82. Whenever information shall be given to any constable or justice of the peace for Harford county that there is in the election district where such constable or justice resides, any child of any free negro who ought to be bound out as an apprentice, it shall be the duty of such constable or justice forthwith to give notice to the person having the custody of such child that such child must be bound as an apprentice.

83. If the parent or person having the custody of such child shall fail to have him bound as an apprentice within twenty days after such notice, it shall be the duty of such constables, if the notice was given by a constable, to carry such child before any two justices of the peace for said county, and the said justices shall bind such child as an apprentice.

84. If such notice was given by a justice of the peace, and there be a failure on the part of the parent or person having the custody of such child to have the said child bound within twenty days after such notice, the justice shall issue his warrant to some constable to carry such child before two justices of the peace for said county to be bound as aforesaid.

85. All indentures of negro children taken under this article shall be returned to the Orphans' Court of the said county within thirty days, and the said court shall have power to set aside such indentures if they shall believe upon proper evidence that the said indentures were improperly obtained, otherwise the said court shall confirm the same; and if any such indenture shall be set aside, the Orphans' Court shall bind out the child therein named to some white person in the county upon the terms and conditions prescribed by law.

86. The parent of any negro child shall have the privilege of selecting the person to whom his child may be bound; *Provided*, the Orphans' Court or justice of the peace before whom such child may be taken, shall approve of such selection.

87. The person to whom any negro apprentice shall be bound, shall not permit such apprentice to remain in the employment or custody of any free negro, and any person so offending shall be liable to indictment and punishment as for a misdemeanor.