

return, forty cents; for inflicting stripes agreeably to a judgment of a justice of the peace, fifty cents; for delivering a person over to the jailer, one dollar; for dispersing tumultuous meetings of negroes, such sum as the commissioners of said county may think proper, not exceeding twenty-five dollars in any one year; for taking up runaways, six dollars; for levying *feri facias* and return, twenty cents; for summoning jury of inquest, for each person summoned, twelve and a half cents; for serving an attachment for contempt, fifty cents; for levying distress for rent, one dollar and twenty-five cents, for which cost the tenant shall in all cases be liable to the landlord; for summoning appraisers on distress for rent, for each appraiser, twenty cents; for swearing appraisers, each ten cents.

#### NEGROES AND SLAVES.

27. A copy or extract under seal of any deed of manumission from the clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county, or a copy or extract under seal of any last will or testament from the register of wills of said county, shall be good and sufficient authority, when presented to the clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard county, or to the register of wills of Howard county, to issue to any negro a certificate of freedom in the usual form; *Provided*, the said negro shall produce proof as prescribed by law, of his identity and right to freedom under such deed of manumission or last will and testament.

28. In all cases in which extracts from deeds of manumission or wills shall be made under the preceding section, they shall be full and entire, so far as any thing in such deed of manumission or will contained shall refer to or affect or limit the rights of the party for whose benefit such extracts shall be made; and the clerk of the Circuit Court or register of wills of Howard county, shall record all such extracts or copies under which they shall respectively issue certificates of freedom.

29. Any inhabitant of this State may go before the Circuit Court for said county, or if such court be not in session, to the judge thereof, and make oath that he verily suspects or believes that any person having a license to sell or trade in said county, deals unlawfully with negroes, or is in the habit of receiving stolen goods, and the court or judge shall issue a summons returnable upon a certain day, for the said trader, directing him to appear and answer the charge contained in the affidavit.