

hearing of both parties, and an examination of the whole matter, decide whether the slave was absconding or running away as aforesaid, at the time of the arrest, and was bona fide arrested and secured as aforesaid.

148. Each party to such controversy shall have the right of appeal to the Circuit Court, which in a summary way shall, at the first court, if practicable, decide such appeal.

149. If any free negro residing in Kent county, after having left the State of Maryland, shall return, he shall be subject to all the penalties imposed by the General Law on free negroes emigrating into this State.

150. The section last foregoing shall not embrace in its prohibition any free negro in said county, who is employed by any farmer, or who hires by the month or year, and who may be sent out of the State by his bona fide employer, or agent of said employer, on business of such employer; *Provided*, he shall not remain out of the State at any one time longer than ten days.

ORPHANS' COURT.

151. Each judge of the Orphans' Court for Kent county shall be entitled to two dollars for each day of his attendance, and if he shall reside one mile or more from the court-house, he shall receive, in addition to his per diem, mileage at the rate of six and a quarter cents a mile for each day's attendance for the distance he shall necessarily travel from his residence to said court-house.

ROADS.

152. The supervisors of roads in said county may cut an opening in any bank erected alongside of the public roads, so that the water may pass off.

153*. The supervisor of roads in Kent county may enter upon adjacent lands and by ditching or otherwise draw the water from the public roads.

154*. The county commissioners upon satisfactory proof may make allowances and levy for any injury that may be done by such drainage to the owners of said lands.