

the recommendation of not less than twelve respectable freeholders of the neighborhood in which such negro proposes to carry on business.

74. No license to any free negro shall authorize the sale of ardent spirits.

75. The said clerk shall not grant a license for any purpose of trade to any white person who may be in partnership with any free negro, nor shall any white person employ any free negro as a clerk in any mercantile business, under a penalty of five hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered as other fines and forfeitures.

76. The citizens of Newark, in said county, may biennially, on the first Saturday in March, elect one police or patrol officer, who shall have full power to summons men to disperse gatherings of free negroes in said town, and exercise all the patrol duties in said town that are discharged by the constables of the county.

77. Such election shall be held by one justice of the peace, and the person elected shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the commissioners of said town.

ORPHANS' COURT.

78. Each of the judges of the Orphan's Court for said county shall be entitled to two dollars a day for each day they shall be in session, and five cents a mile mileage for going to and returning from each session of said court.

OYSTERS.

79. It shall be lawful for any citizen of Worcester county to lay or plant out oysters, clams or other shell fish within the limits of said county.

80. Any person so planting oysters, clams or shell fish, may stake off for his use and benefit not to exceed one acre, which shall be his bona fide property, to him, his heirs or assigns, for the space of five years from the date thereof.

81. The person so staking off a claim shall have a survey made by the county surveyor, who shall give a certificate of the same,