

*Writ delivery for Baltimore county*(a), during its sitting, and at all other times the chief justice of the said court, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, upon application, to issue their writ of *habeas corpus*, and cause to be brought before them or him, any person or persons who are or shall be in confinement within their jurisdiction, and to inquire into the cause of such confinement, and either discharge, admit to bail or commit, such person or persons as the case may require, in the same manner as is now practised by any other court or judge in this state.

(a) See note under 1804, ch. 65, s. 1.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said court may inflict the punishment now annexed to the crime of manslaughter on any slave convict thereof before them, or they may, in their discretion, order such slave to be whipped on his bare back with not exceeding thirty-nine stripes, or may sentence him, if a male slave, to serve and labour on the roads, or if a female, to serve and labour at the work house as other convicts are now sentenced.

See November 1809, ch. 138, s. 9, and 1818, ch. 197.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no witness who may attend the said court, shall be entitled to receive for his attendance more than the sum of fifty cents for each day he shall attend the said court under recognizance or summons, if such person shall reside in the city or precincts of Baltimore.

See 1818, ch. 141.

4. AND, whereas it frequently happens that persons residing out of the state, at the request of the court, voluntarily attend as witnesses to support the prosecution, and there is no mode pointed out by which they can be indemnified in their expenses, BE IT ENACTED, That the court may direct the sheriff of the county to pay to any witness thus circumstanced, such sum of money as may be considered a reasonable compensation for his trouble and expense in attending the said court, and may reimburse the said sheriff by levying the same on the county, as they do the other expenses of the said court.

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before them any person who may be in confinement, and inquire into the cause, &c.

May inflict punishment annexed to crime of manslaughter on any slave convict thereof before them, &c.

Witnesses entitled to 50 cents per day

Court may direct payment to witnesses residing out of the state.

Passed Dec. 25.

Commissioners appointed to lay out and open a road.

Damages to be ascertained.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Dixon Stansbury, William R. Gillis and Thomas Ayres, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and open a road, at the expense of the petitioners, not exceeding thirty feet in width, to commence at Aquilla Galloway's lane, in Baltimore county, then to the Eastern York road, at or near the place where an old road now intersects it, about half a mile above the Black Horse tavern, in Harford county, and the road so opened, at the expense of the petitioners as aforesaid, and the valuation herein after directed to be made shall be paid, or secured to be paid, to the individuals concerned, shall be recorded among the records of Baltimore and Harford counties, and thereafter deemed and taken to be a public road for ever, and shall be kept in repair in the same manner as other public roads in said counties.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aforesaid commissioners, or any two of them, shall ascertain and value what damages may be sustained by the person or persons through whose land the said road