

appear to the said justices by the record of conviction; but if such person shall be demanded by the state from whence he escaped, he shall be immediately delivered agreeably to such demand.

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XLIV.

XXVII. **And be it enacted,** That the said justices be authorized to appoint any number of constables they may think proper, and to displace them, and appoint others in their room, for the execution of this act; and the said justices may allow such constables such reward as the said justices may think reasonable, and they may assess on Baltimore county any sum not exceeding two hundred pounds current money, for that purpose, which shall be collected with the county assessment.

Justices may
appoint con-
stables, &c.

XXVIII. **And be it enacted,** That the expence attending the execution of this act, shall be paid by Baltimore county, and shall be assessed by the said justices, and collected with the county assessment; and the said justices are hereby directed to publish, in one of the Baltimore news-papers, a statement of the money by them annually received and expended in virtue of this act, and to return a duplicate of said account or accounts annually to the general assembly, at their November sessions.

Expence to be
paid by Balti-
more county,
&c.

XXIX. **And be it enacted,** That the general court, and every county court, of this state, (except the county court of Baltimore county,) shall have the same power, and may pass judgment in the same manner, against any criminal convicted before them for any of the crimes herein before enumerated, as is given and allowed by this act to the justices appointed in virtue thereof; and in case of the conviction and adjudication of any slave or servant to serve and labour agreeably to this act, the court before whom they shall be so convicted and adjudged shall value them; and if convicted and adjudged in the general court, the valuation shall be paid to the owner by the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, where such slave or servant shall be convicted; and if convicted and adjudged in any county court, the valuation shall be assessed in the county assessment, and paid to the owner by the collector thereof; and the general court may order any criminal, so convicted and adjudged before them, to be conveyed, at the expence of the state, and any county court may order any criminal, so convicted and adjudged before them, to be conveyed, at the expence of such county, and delivered to the person or persons appointed to take care of the criminals in Baltimore county, and the said person or persons are hereby directed and required to receive, and work and treat, such criminal, in the same manner as the criminals convicted in Baltimore county; and every criminal, so conveyed to Baltimore county, shall be subject, in every respect, to the regulations and provisions herein before prescribed, respecting the criminals convicted in Baltimore county; and every county sending a criminal to Baltimore county, shall pay, at the time of delivery of such criminal, to the person or persons to whom such criminal shall be delivered, the sum of five pounds current money, and the state will pay the same sum for every criminal sent by the general court; and any county court may adjudge any such free male criminal to work and labour for such time as they may think proper, not exceeding seven years, and any slave not exceeding fourteen years, for the same crime, on the public roads of their county; and any free female criminal to work, for any term not exceeding seven years for the same crime, in the work-house of their county, or other place of confinement, and in such case the said court may make such provisions and regulations for the employment of such criminals, and the expences thereof, as they may think proper.

General
court, &c. to
have the same
power, &c.

XXX. **And be it enacted,** If any slave or servant, convicted and adjudged in the general court, or any county court, to serve and labour according to this act, shall be sent to Baltimore county, and shall survive his time of conviction, such slave or servant shall, immediately after the expiration thereof, be sold at auction by the order of any two of the justices appointed in virtue of this act, and the money arising from the sale shall be paid unto the treasurer of the western shore if convicted in the general court, or to the sheriff of the county in which the conviction

Slave, &c. in
certain cases,
to be sold, &c.