

## CHAP. 224.

Compensation

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for said corder of fire wood, to charge and receive, six and one-fourth cents, for each and every cord of fire wood, which he may be called on to inspect and measure, to be paid by the seller, and on neglect of the seller to pay the same, the said corder is hereby authorised to collect the same as other small debts are collected.

Oath

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That before the said corder of fire-wood, shall proceed to inspect and measure any fire wood, he shall take the following oath; I. A. B. do swear on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that I will inspect and measure fire wood, without favor or partiality; to the best of my skill and judgment, so help me God.

## CHAPTER 224.

Passed Mar. 14, 1834 *An act relating to persons of Colour, who are to be free after the expiration of a term of years.*

Courts empowered to authorise sales out of the state

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful, from and after the passage of this act, for the several county courts in this state to authorise the master or owner of any slave for a term of years to sell the unexpired time of said slave when his or her conduct is notoriously vicious and turtulent to any person who will transport such servants beyond the limits of the state.

Exception

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That except as to cases of slaves now imprisoned in consequence of alleged misconduct, the county courts aforesaid, shall require and be satisfied, with the testimony of disinterested witnesses that the party applying for such grant has distinctly and particularly notified such servants of the existence and effect of this law, and that this information has failed to correct his or her habits before they proceed to issue any such grant of authority.

Notification required

AND WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly, that negroes and mulattoes held to labor for a term of years, frequently abscond and thus deprive their owners of the service and labor due them, and who, when by great effort and expense are reclaimed, it is found by experience that such negroes or mulattoes have little difficulty in continuing to abscond until the authority of the