

CHAP. 273. be the duty of the grand juries to cause to be summoned before them at every term of the said courts, all the post masters, their agents and deputies in their respective counties, districts and the said city, and to examine them particularly touching the subject matter of this act.

CHAPTER 273.

Passed March 7, 1842. *An act to prevent unlawful dealing with Negroes, and the reception of Stolen Goods in Anne Arundel County and in Howard District.*

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,
 That from and after the passage of this act, it may be lawful for any inhabitant of this State, to go before the county court of Anne Arundel county, or the court of Howard district of Anne Arundel county, or if such court be not in session, to any judge thereof, and make oath that he verily suspects or believes that any person having a license to sell or trade in said county or district deals unlawfully with negroes or mulattoes, or is in the habit of receiving stolen goods, and upon the receipt of said oath by the court or judge, the said court or judge shall issue a summons, returnable upon a certain day, to such person so authorized to trade or sell, directing him to appear and answer the charge in the said affidavit contained; and upon the return day of said summons, if the party shall be returned summoned, or the summons shall have been left for ten days at his or her place of abode, it shall be the duty of said judge or court to examine the case, and if he or it shall be satisfied that such person licensed to trade or sell, is generally reputed to deal with negroes contrary to law, or to receive stolen goods, or if said court or judge shall have good reason to believe that such person deals or receives goods in the manner aforesaid, it shall be the duty of said court or judge to take away and annul said license; *provided*, that if the said judge shall so take away and annul said license, the said person so licensed to trade, may appeal to the next county or district court, which shall pass upon the matter in the manner aforesaid, but such appeal shall not operate to allow the said person to trade or sell during the pendency of such appeal.

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