

CHAP. 340. measurement of lime of any one inspector or measurer, and that the board of appeals should determine, contrary to the judgment of the inspector and measurer every time, upon application to the Governor of the State, he may at his discretion dismiss such inspector and measurer, and appoint another in his place.

Repealed.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the second section of an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter seventy-six, and entitled, an act to alter and amend an act providing for the appointment of lime inspectors for the city of Baltimore, and prescribing their duties, be and the same is hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 340.

An act respecting the punishment of Slaves.

Passed Mar,
10, 1846.
Preamble.

WHEREAS, in the opinion of this General Assembly, transportation or banishment is no adequate punishment for the higher grades of offences which may be committed by slaves within this State, and for which said punishment is now provided by law—therefore,

Slaves to be
punished, &c.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, if any slave or slaves shall be convicted of the crime of murder in the second degree, or as accessory thereto, or of manslaughter, or of rape, or as accessory thereto before the fact, or of carnally knowing a woman, child under the age of ten years, or of an assault with the intent to rob, murder or to commit a rape, or of robbing or as accessory thereto before the fact, or of consulting, conspiring, or attempting to raise insurrection or rebellion in this State, or of burglary, or as accessory thereto before the fact, or of arson or as accessory thereto, such slave or slaves shall be punished in the same manner, and with the like punishment, as all other persons are now punished for the like offences, any law to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

Court to value

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where any slave or slaves shall be convicted of any of the aforesaid crimes, the punishment of which shall be confinement in the penitentiary, and such slave or slaves shall be sentenced by the court to confinement in the penitentiary, it shall be the duty of the said court to value the said