

CHAP. 355.

CHAPTER 355.

Passed March 6, 1847.

*A supplement to the act entitled, an act to provide for the better regulation of the free negro and mulatto children within this State, passed December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, chapter thirty-five.*

Upon information person or persons to be bound out.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That hereafter when information shall be given to any constable or justice of the peace, that there are in the election district where such constable or justice of the peace resides, any child or children of any free negro or mulatto, who ought to be bound out as apprentices under the original act to which this is a supplement, it shall be the duty of such constable or justice of the peace forthwith to give notice to the person or persons having the custody of such child or children, that they must be bound out as apprentices under said original act; and if the parents or person having custody of such child or children, shall fail to have him, her or them, bound as apprentices within twenty days from the time of such notice, it shall be the duty of such constable, if he gave the notice, to carry such child or children before any two justices of the peace for the county, who are hereby authorised and required to bind as apprentices, any such child or children, in the same manner as the orphans court now may bind the same under the original act; and if the notice aforesaid, has been given by a justice of the peace, and there should be a failure on the part of the parent or person having custody of such child or children, then it shall be the duty of said justice to issue his warrant to some constable to have such child or children carried before some two justices of the peace and bound out as aforesaid; the compensation to each justice of the peace, and to the constable for binding out any free negro or mulatto child under this act shall be two dollars, to be paid by the person to whom such child shall be bound.

Indentures to be returned to orphans court.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all indentures taken under this act by two justices of the peace, shall be returned to the orphans court of the county within thirty days, and the said orphans court shall have power to set aside such indentures, if they shall believe, upon proper evidence, that said indentures were improperly or fraudulently obtained; otherwise the said orphans court is hereby authorised and required to confirm the same; and in case such indentures shall be set aside, it shall be the duty of the orphans court, and they are hereby direct-

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