

answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended, in all or any courts of justice, and before all or any judges, officers or persons whatsoever, in all and singular actions, matters or demands whatsoever. Dec. Ses. 1821.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal for their use, and the same at their will and pleasure to change, alter and make anew from time to time as they may think best; and shall in general have and exercise all such rights, privileges and immunities, as by law are incident or necessary to corporations, and what may be necessary to the corporation herein constituted, to enable the members of said society duly and fully to execute all things touching and concerning the design and intent of this corporation, for the benevolent succor and relief of distressed persons, and for the attainment of other equally laudable objects. Seal, &c.

CHAPTER 148.

*A supplement to the act entitled, An act to establish a patrol in Saint Mary's, Anne-Arundel, Prince-George's and Charles counties, passed December session eighteen hundred and twenty, chapter two hundred.* Passed Feb. 8, 1822.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of Frederick county, to name and appoint one or more of the justices of the peace in each election district of the county, where, in their opinion it shall be necessary, to carry into effect the provisions of the original act, except so far as the same are changed by this supplement. Levy court may appoint a justice in each district.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for any of the justices of the peace so named and appointed by the levy court as aforesaid, upon application of three or more judicious persons of the county, to issue a requisition for as many inhabitants now subject to militia duty, as they may think necessary, not exceeding fifteen in any one company, to be nominated a patrol; the said justices of the peace to appoint two discreet persons of said patrol, under whose direction they shall proceed to make diligent search through said neighbourhood or district as prescribed in the authority, for a period of not less than three hours, nor more than eight hours, and to disperse all unlawful and riotous assemblages of coloured persons, and to apprehend and seize all negroes and slaves, or persons of color, whom they may have reason to suspect have unlawfully absented themselves from home, or have illegally emigrated from another state, or are in any manner violating the laws of this state. May patrol.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said patrol, or as many of them as is necessary, as soon as convenient, to take all persons whom they may have apprehended as aforesaid, before some justice of the peace for the county for examination; and if upon a full investigation and inquiry, the said justice shall be of opinion that such person has run-away from the service of his master, mistress or owner, or has illegally emigrated to this state, or has in any manner violated the laws of this state, it shall be the duty of said justice to commit such person to the county jail, to be dealt with according to law; *Provided nevertheless,* That To commit run-aways &c.

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