

Dec.Ses. 1822 changed and confirmed to the surname of Cropper, and the issue of the said James Cropper, alias James M^cCollister, born or hereafter to be born, shall at all times hereafter be called by, and hold and use the name of Cropper, and be from henceforth called by the surname of Cropper.

Confirmation 2. *And be it enacted*, That all securities, promises, contracts, assurances, deeds and lawful acts, especially those as justice of the peace, whatsoever heretofore made and done, or hereafter to be made and done, by or to the said James Cropper, alias James M^cCollister, by the name of James Cropper, shall be of the same force and effect, and equally avail, to all intents and purposes, as if the name of James Cropper had been the true and proper name of James Cropper, alias James M^cCollister from his birth, any law, statute, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

CHAPTER 115.

Passed Feb 6, 1823. *A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free.*

Slaves at large.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, it shall be the duty of the constables in Somerset and Queen Ann's counties, to arrest and bring before a justice of the peace, any slave or slaves, who may be going at large and hiring him, her, or themselves, within their respective hundreds, or who may not have a fixed home in the family, or on the estate of his, her, or their owner, or be hired to and in the regular employ of another person by virtue of a contract, in writing, with his, her, or their owner.

May be hired out.

2. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where a slave or slaves shall or may be brought before any justice of the peace, under the provisions of the first section of this act, if it appear to the satisfaction of the said justice of the peace, that said slave or slaves so arrested and brought before him, were going at large in violation of an act of assembly passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free, and the supplements thereto, or of this act, he shall forthwith issue an order to the constable who shall or may have brought the said slave or slaves before him, to hire such slave or slaves for the entire balance of the year in which they may have been arrested; and for each examination of slaves had before him, under this act, a justice of the peace shall be entitled to twenty-five cents, to be levied on the county as part of the county charges for the ensuing year.

Account.

3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the constable to keep an account of the slaves by them respectively hired out, and the amount of the hire for each received, to be submitted to the levy court, at its first session in the year after such proceedings may have been had under this act, and the amount so returned to be accounted for by the constable to the levy court, for the use and benefit of the county.

Compensation.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the levy courts of Somerset and Queen Ann's counties, in this state, be, and they are hereby authorised to levy and allow to any constable, who may have taken up and hired out a slave or slaves under this act, two dollars for each and every slave so taken up and hired out; *Provided*, that in no instances such