

allowance shall exceed two-thirds of the amount by him paid over to the court. Dec Ses. 1822

5. *And be it enacted*, That any constable who refuses or neglects to comply with the requisitions of this act, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$10 nor less than £3, to be recovered, with the costs, in the county court where the offence may happen, by indictment. Penalty.

6. *And be it enacted*, That no slave being a pilot, and hiring himself as such, shall be subject to the provisions of this act, nor shall other slaves be arrested for a violation thereof during twenty days in time of harvest. Exception.

7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be, and it is hereby made the duty of the presiding judge in the county to which the operation of this act is confined, to give this act in charge to the grand jury on the first day of the meeting of the county court during the continuance of this act. Grand Jury.

8. *And be it enacted*, That all such parts of the acts of assembly, and of the act to which this is a supplement, as are inconsistent with, or repugnant to the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed. Repeal.

CHAPTER 116.

An act to repeal all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the division of Anne Arundel county into five separate election districts, and for other purposes. Passed Feb. 6, 1823.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government, which relate to the division of Anne Arundel county into five election districts, except as to the first, second and third districts, be, and the same are hereby repealed. Repeal.

2. *And be it enacted*, That James H. Marriott, Francis Belmeare and George Andrews, of the fourth district, in the county aforesaid, and Richard Ridgely, Thomas Burgess and Henry Willing, of the fifth district of the county aforesaid, be, and they are hereby authorised and appointed, or a majority of them, commissioners to lay off and divide anew the fourth and fifth election districts, or the fifth election district only, which ever they shall deem will tend most to the convenience to the voters in said districts in Anne Arundel county, into not exceeding three separate election districts, in case they shall deem it most advisable to divide and lay off the fourth and fifth districts as aforesaid; and in case they shall deem it most advisable to divide and lay off anew the fifth district only, they shall not divide nor lay it off into more than two separate election districts, carefully making the districts so as aforesaid to be laid off as nearly equal as possible, having regard to the population, extent and convenience of the voters of each of said districts, and said election district or districts so laid off anew shall be numbered (if the fourth and fifth districts are divided) four, five and six, if only the fifth district shall be divided anew, they shall be numbered five and six, by the said commissioners, and known thereafter by such numbers; and also to make choice of a place in each district so laid off anew at which the elections shall be held, as nearly central as practicable, having regard to the circumstances as aforesaid, and the accommodation of persons attendant upon such elections; and the said commissioners shall, on or before the third Monday in April, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, deliver to the clerk of Anne Arundel county court, a description in writing, under their hands and seals, specifying plain Commissioners to lay off &c.