

or servant, free negro or free mulatto, contrary to the provisions of this act, that such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of forty dollars for every such offence, to be adjudged and recovered, on indictment and conviction thereof, in the county court of the said county, the one half for the use and benefit of the informer, and the other half for the use and benefit of the said county.

10. *And be it enacted,* That if, on the conviction aforesaid, the person or persons so convicted shall fail to pay immediately the fine aforesaid, the county court of the said county shall order the said person or persons, so convicted, to be confined in the public gaol of the said county for a time not exceeding three months, at the discretion of the said county court.

On failure to pay fine person to be confined in gaol.

11. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall counterfeit or forge the signature or hand writing of any magistrate or magistrates to any certificate or instrument of writing giving a license to any free negro or free mulatto, to sell, buy or barter, any article whatever, according to the fifth section of this act, that such person or persons, for every such offence, on indictment and conviction thereof in the county court of the said county, shall by the judges of the said court, if a slave, be sentenced to receive a number of lashes on his or her bare back, not exceeding forty, and if a free person shall be ordered to be confined in the public gaol of the said county for a time not exceeding six months.

Persons counterfeiting signature of magistrate to any certificate, to be punished.

12. *And be it enacted,* That nothing in this act contained shall make it obligatory on the judges of Kent county court, or any of them, to grant a license to retail spirituous liquors, strong beer or cider, in Kent county, to any applicant who shall comply with the provisions of this act, but the granting of the same shall be at the discretion of the said judges, or any of them.

Court to grant licenses at their discretion.

13. *And be it enacted,* That this law shall not be construed to prevent ordinary keepers from entertaining negroes or mulattoes travelling through the said county.

Ordinary-keepers not prevented from entertaining negroes travelling through county.

14. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall be given in charge to the grand jury of the aforesaid county court at the beginning of every term of the said court.

Act to be given in charge to grand jury.

CHAPTER 171.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to establish a Bank, and incorporate a Company, under the title of The Planters Bank of Prince-George's County.

Passed Feb 9 1819

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the concerns of the Planters Bank of Prince-George's county shall be managed by twelve directors, and a president, the directors to be chosen annually by the stockholders, and the president chosen by the directors at their first meeting after their annual election, two of which said directors shall go out annually, and two more be chosen to supply their places; and all elections shall be by ballot; *Provided always,* that the president shall be re-eligible, and if chosen out of the number of directors, his place shall be supplied by the directors from among the stockholders.

Concerns of bank, how to be managed.

Proviso.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the president and directors, or a majority of them, may purchase or lease real property, and cause to be erected all necessary buildings, conveniences and securities, for said bank, and may sell the property so purchased, when the interest of said bank may in their view require it,

Authorised to purchase or lease real property, &c.