

C H A P. LVII. **XXXI. And be it enacted,** If any person shall commit any crime or offence in any county of which he is not an inhabitant, or if any person shall commit any crime or offence in the county of which he is an inhabitant, and shall remove after the commission of such crime or offence, and shall be presented or indicted in the county where the crime or offence shall have been committed, the court before whom such presentment or indictment shall be found, shall have power to issue process against such person, directed to the sheriff of the county where such person shall reside, and such sheriff shall serve and return such process in the same manner as if issued by the county court of his county; and in case of neglect or delay in such sheriff to execute and return such process, he may be fined by the court issuing such process.

Justices to execute certain powers, &c. **XXXII. And be it enacted,** That the justices appointed in virtue of this act, or any three or more of them, be authorized and required to execute all the powers vested in the commissioners of Baltimore-town in virtue of the act, entitled, An act for the establishment and regulation of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county; and that all the powers and jurisdiction granted to the said commissioners, under the said act, shall cease and determine.

And lay a tax on dogs, &c. **XXXIII. And,** as a further fund towards the expences for the establishment of a watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, **Be it enacted,** That the said justices, or any three or more of them, may lay an annual tax, not exceeding seven shillings and six-pence current money, on every dog belonging to any inhabitant of the said town; and the said justices may direct the said tax to be collected from the owner of such dog, by execution of his person or goods; and the said justices shall have power, from time to time, to make such regulations respecting the keeping dogs in the said town, as may be effectual to discover the owners, and for the collection of said tax; and they may authorize the killing of any dog whose owner cannot be ascertained.

Part of an act continued, &c. **XXXIV. And be it enacted,** That so much of the act, entitled, A supplement to the act for the establishment of a night watch, and the erection of lamps, in Baltimore-town, as imposes the levying and collection of the tax on the dwelling-houses, store-houses and warehouses, in said town, for the purposes therein mentioned, shall be and is hereby continued until the thirtieth day of October next, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter, and it is hereby declared to be the duty of the said justices of Baltimore county criminal court, to again levy the said tax, under the same regulation of the said act, and to direct the collection and appropriation as mentioned in the said act.

Slaves, &c. convicted, to be valued, &c. **XXXV. And be it enacted,** That if any slave or servant shall be convicted and adjudged, agreeably to this law, to serve and labour, it shall be lawful for the court, before whom such slave or servant shall be convicted and adjudged to labour as aforesaid, to value such slave or servant, and to enter the same in their proceedings, and such value shall be paid by the state, or the county where such conviction shall happen, in the same manner as herein before provided; and if such slave or servant, so convicted and adjudged, shall survive his time of conviction, such slave or servant shall be sold, and the money applied in the manner as herein before provided.

Chief justice to be allowed, &c. **XXXVI. And be it enacted,** That there shall be allowed to the said chief justice, as a compensation for his services in executing all the duties required by this act, at the rate of two hundred pounds current money per year, during the time he shall act as chief justice of the said court, and the said sum shall be assessed by the justices appointed by virtue of this act, on Baltimore county, and shall be paid by the collector to the said chief justice, in the manner directed by the act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state, and in default of payment, recovered in the same summary way provided and directed by the seventeenth section of the said last mentioned act, for the recovery of the allowance given by the said act to the chief justice appointed in virtue thereof.

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