

IN COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 19, 1807.

ORDERED, That the act, entitled, An act to prevent free negroes from selling any corn, wheat or tobacco, without having a licence for that purpose from a justice of the peace, and the Act to restrain the evil practices arising from negroes keeping dogs, and to prohibit them from carrying guns or offensive weapons, be published once in each week, until the first day of May next, in the Maryland Gazette, at Annapolis, the American and Federal Gazette, at Baltimore, the Republican Advocate, at Frederick-town, and Republican Star, at Easton.

By order, NINIAN PINKNEY, Clerk of the council.

An ACT to prevent free negroes from selling any corn, wheat or tobacco, without having a licence for that purpose from a justice of the peace.

WHEREAS great inconvenience is felt in this state in consequence of free negroes receiving stolen corn, wheat and tobacco, from slaves, and selling the same as the production of their own labour; therefore, Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first of May next, no free negro shall sell any corn, wheat or tobacco, unless, at the time of his or her so selling the said article or articles, he or she shall be possessed of a certificate, under the hand and seal of a justice of the peace of said county, that he or she is a peaceable and orderly person, and of good character, which certificate shall be of force for one year, and no longer.

And be it enacted, That if any free negro shall act contrary to the provisions of this act, the person so offending shall incur the penalty of five dollars for every such offence, one half to the informer, the other half to be applied to the use of the county, and to be recovered as other fines and forfeitures, before a justice of the peace in the county where such offence shall be committed.

And be it enacted, That any person who shall purchase or receive from any free negro any corn, wheat or tobacco, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay, for every offence, the sum of ten dollars, one half to the informer, the other half to be applied to the use of the county in which such offence was committed, and to be recovered and applied in the same manner as other fines and forfeitures are by this law directed to be recovered and applied.

And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of every justice of the peace, sheriff and constable, to give information of every violation of this act that shall come to his knowledge.

An ACT to restrain the evil practices arising from negroes keeping dogs, and to prohibit them from carrying guns or offensive weapons.

BE it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland, That after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any negro or mulatto within this state to keep any dog, bitch or gun, except he be a free negro or mulatto, and in that case he may be permitted to keep one dog, provided such free negro or mulatto shall obtain a licence from a justice of the peace for that purpose, and that the said licence shall be in force for one year, and no longer; and if any dog or bitch, owned by any negro, not possessed of such licence, shall be seen going at large; it shall and may be lawful for any person to kill the same; and in case of any suit instituted therefor, the person or persons killing the said dog or bitch may plead the general issue, and give this act in evidence.

And be it enacted, That after the said first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any free negro or mulatto to go at large with any gun, or other offensive weapon; and in case any free negro or mulatto shall be seen going at large carrying a gun or other offensive weapon, he shall be liable to be carried before any magistrate, in virtue of a warrant to be issued by any justice of the peace, directed to a constable of the county, and on conviction of having violated the provisions of this section of the act, such offender shall thereupon forfeit, to the use of the informant, such gun, or other offensive weapon, which shall thus have been found in his or her possession, and be subject to the payment of the costs which shall have accrued in such prosecution; provided that nothing in this act shall extend to prevent any free negro or mulatto from carrying a gun, or other offensive weapon, who shall, at the time of his carrying the same, have a certificate from a justice of the peace, that he is an orderly and peaceable person, which certificate shall be in force for one year from the date thereof, and no longer.

And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the constable of every hundred to repair once a month, and oftener if information be given him of tumultuous meetings of mulattoes, negroes or slaves, in all suspected places within his hundred; and if he shall find any mulatto or negro not a slave, at any such meeting; it shall be the duty of the constable forthwith to carry such mulatto or negro, so offending, before some magistrate of the county, who shall thereupon commit such person to the common gaol, unless he or she shall enter into a recognizance, with such security as said justice shall require, for his or her good behaviour; and also to appear before the next county court, to answer for such offence in such manner as is prescribed by law for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors within this state, and if such person shall be found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act, he shall be fined, or imprisoned, for such offence, at the discretion of the court; and if such constable shall find at any such meeting as aforesaid, any slave besides those belonging to the owner of such place, not having permission in writing from his owner or

overseer, it shall be lawful for the constable, and he is hereby authorized and required, to whip every such slave, at his discretion, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes.

And be it enacted, That before any constable shall be entitled to receive the allowance granted by the fourth section of the act, entitled, An act to prevent the tumultuous meetings, and other irregularities of negroes and other slaves, he shall produce a certificate from at least two respectable citizens of his hundred, of his industry and fidelity in the discharge of his duty under this act and the act above recited.

And, for a further encouragement to take up runaways, Be it enacted, That in lieu of two hundred pounds of tobacco, allowed by the act, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves, any person seizing and taking up such runaways, shall have and receive six dollars.

FARMERS BANK OF MARYLAND.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the books will be opened at Annapolis on Monday, the thirteenth day of April next, and continue open the next day, for the disposal of the number of shares remaining unsubscribed in the Farmers Bank, on the western shore, the subscriptions to be taken at the Bank between the hours of ten and five each day, the subscribers to pay ten dollars on each share, at the time of subscribing, and the residue as follows, to wit: ten dollars on the thirteenth day of June, ten dollars on the thirteenth day of August, ten dollars on the thirteenth day of October, and ten dollars on the twelfth day of December next, but reserving to any subscriber the liberty of paying at any one of those days, the whole of his subscription then due. The shares which may be subscribed above the number limited to be reduced by a proportional deduction throughout the several counties on the western shore, or by lot, if necessary, and the monies that may be paid thereon to be immediately repaid at the Bank.

If any stockholder shall fail to make regular payment of any instalment, (after the first payment) such stockholder's money in Bank shall remain free from interest, and not entitled to dividend, until such instalment, or call, shall be made good, and the dividend thereafter to be paid to such stockholder (as well upon the money by him regularly paid as upon the money paid after default) shall be calculated only from the time when said last instalment was made good.

The subscribed shares of the Farmers Bank having already risen above par, and being in great demand, the directors deemed it to be their duty to give every facility in their power to the citizens of every part of the western shore, to become proprietors of a stock, to which experience has already attached an high degree of confidence and an enhanced value, and which from every appearance, would rapidly appreciate, whenever the subscription of the surplus shares should remove the possibility of procuring the stock at a lower value, than the successful management of the institution, and the public opinion should have conferred on it. Notwithstanding, therefore, that the charter directed that the subscription books for this stock shall be opened at Annapolis, yet the directors held themselves at liberty, and have determined it to be their duty, to devise means to accommodate the citizens of the several counties who might wish to subscribe, but who cannot attend at Annapolis; in conformity, therefore, to a determination that had already obtained at a joint meeting of the directors of the Bank and Branch Bank, on a similar occasion, the board have adopted the following resolution:

That the directors for the several counties on the western shore, be authorized and directed to receive, in their respective counties, from all persons who may offer to subscribe for stock in the Farmers Bank, on the day or days appointed for subscribing, powers of attorney, enabling some person to subscribe for them at Annapolis, and also to receive from persons so disposed to subscribe, the sums which are made payable, on subscriptions personally made, and all subscriptions made under powers as aforesaid, shall be held and deemed as valid, as if made by the individuals themselves at Annapolis.

By order, NINIAN PINKNEY, Cashier. Annapolis, 12th February, 1807.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT under a bill of sale from Joseph Smith to James Hunter, deceased, will be sold, at Public Sale, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of March next, at fair, if not, the first fair day thereafter, at the late plantation of said James Hunter, called *Harness*, near South river lower ferry, the following property, to wit: One negro woman, one negro boy, four or five years old, sundry stock, consisting of horses, hogs, cattle, some poultry, and some household furniture, too tedious to enumerate. The terms of sale, three months credit, on hand, with approved security over ten dollars, and all under that sum cash. The sale to commence at eleven o'clock.

SARAH HUNTER, Administratrix of JOHN HUNTER, deceased. Annapolis, February 24, 1807.

By virtue of an order from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, the subscriber will expose to Public Sale, on Saturday, the 28th instant, at the late dwelling place of HENRY HALL, deceased, near the Governor's Bridge, SEVERAL negroes, consisting of men, women, and boys, also two pair of valuable work oxen. The foregoing property will be sold for ready cash. The sale will commence at 11 o'clock. Wm RACHEL HALL, Surviving executrix. March 3, 1807.

State of Maryland, &c.

Anne-Arundel county, orphans court, Feb. 10, 1807. ON application, by petition, of Mary Weems, executrix of the last will and testament of Eleanor Hall, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased; it is ordered, that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette.

JOHN GASSAWAY, Reg. Wills for Anne-Arundel county.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of ELEANOR HALL, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the tenth day of August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 10th day of February, 1807.

MARY WEEMS, Executrix.

State of Maryland, &c.

Anne-Arundel county, orphans court, February 11, 1807.

ON application, of Richard G. Hutton, administrator of Henry Hutton, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased; it is ordered, that he give the notice required by law, for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette.

JOHN GASSAWAY, Reg. Wills for Anne-Arundel county.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of HENRY HUTTON, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, at or before the eleventh day of August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand, this 11th day of February, 1807.

RICHARD G. HUTTON, Administrator.

State of Maryland, &c.

Anne-Arundel county, orphans court, Feb. 12, 1807.

ON application, by petition of William Burgess and Joseph Burgess, executors of the last will and testament of Joseph Burgess, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased; it is ordered, that they give the notice required by law, for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased, and that the same be published once in each week, for the space of six successive weeks, in the Maryland Gazette.

JOHN GASSAWAY, Reg. Wills for Anne-Arundel county.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE,

THAT the subscribers, of Anne-Arundel county, have obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of JOSEPH BURGESS, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, at or before the nineteenth day of August next, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under hands, this 12th day of February, 1807.

WILLIAM BURGESS, JOSEPH BURGESS, Executors.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber, of Anne-Arundel county, intends to apply to the county court of that county, at the session in April next, for the relief of the insolvent law, passed at November session, thousand eight hundred and five.

SAMUEL HOPKINS, of Richmond.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT I intend to apply to Baltimore court, at its next sitting, on the fourth day in March next, for the benefit of the insolvent act, passed November session, 1805.

DAVID BUTLER. January 17, 1807.

Notice is hereby given,

THAT the subscriber shall apply to Baltimore county court, or to some one of the courts thereof, for the benefit of the insolvent act, passed November session, 1805, and the supplement thereto, passed November session, 1806.

JAMES MATTISON.

* * * Cash given for clean linen and RAGS.

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