

At a Session of ASSEMBLY begun and held at the City of *Annapolis*, in the County of *Ann-Arundel*, the 14th Day of *May*, in the 4th Year of the Dominion of the Right Honourable CHARLES, absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Provinces of *Maryland* and *Avalon*, Lord Baron of *Baltimore*, &c. and ended the 8th Day of *June* following, in the 5th Year of his Lordship's Dominion, *Annoq; Domini* 1719, were Enacted the Laws following, *viz.*

JOHN HART, Esq; Governor.

C H A P. I.

Passed 8th
June 1719.

An Act reviving an Act of Assembly of this Province, entitled, ' An Act for the ordering and regulating the Militia of this Province, for the better Defence and Security thereof. Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 422. EXP.

* 1715, ch. 43, hereby continued 3 Years, &c.

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Ditto.
* 1715, ch. 44.

A Supplement to the * ACT relating to Servants and Slaves.
Lib. LL. N° 4. fol. 423.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by the Act of Assembly relating to Servants and Slaves, there is not any Provision made what shall be done with such runaway Servants or Slaves that now are, or hereafter shall or may be taken up and committed to the Custody of any Sheriff within this Province, where the Master or Owner of such Servant or Slave, having due Notice of such Servant's or Slave's being in the Custody of such Sheriff, refuses or delays to redeem such Servant or Slave, by paying their Imprisonment Fees, and such other Charge as has, or may accrue, for taking up such Servant or Slave.

Sheriffs to give Notice to the Owners of Runaway Servants or Slaves committed to their Custody. Owners neglecting to appear within the Time limited, and satisfy Imprisonment Fees, &c. the Sheriff may sell such Servant or Slave by public Vendue, and pay himself, &c. out of the Produce, and only account to the Owner for the Residue.

II. Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, every Sheriff that now hath, or hereafter shall have committed into his Custody, any runaway Servants or Slaves, after One Month's Notice given to the Master or Owner thereof, of their being in his Custody, if living in this Province, or Two Months Notice, if living in any of the neighbouring Provinces, if such Master or Owner of such Servants or Slaves do not appear within the Time limited as aforesaid, and pay, or secure to be paid, all such Imprisonment Fees due to such Sheriff, from the Time of the Commitment of such Servants or Slaves, and also such other Charges as have accrued or become due to any Person for taking up such runaway Servants or Slaves, such Sheriff is hereby authorized and required (such Time limited as aforesaid, being expired) immediately to give Public Notice to all Persons, by setting up Notes at the Church and Court-house Doors of the County where such Servant or Slave is in Custody, of the Time and Place for Sale of such Servants or Slaves by him to be appointed, not less than Ten Days after such Time limited as aforesaid, being expired; and at such Time and Place by him appointed as aforesaid, to proceed to sell and dispose of such Servant or Slave to the highest Bidder, and out of the Money or Tobacco which such Servant or Slave is sold for, to pay himself all such Imprisonment Fees as are his just Due, for the Time he has kept such Servant or Slave in his Custody, and also to pay such other Charges, Fees or Reward.