

deem such Servant or Slave, by paying their Imprisonment Fees, and such other Charge as hath or may accrue for taking up such Servant or Slave:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, 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 run-away 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 Month's 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 Run-away Servants or Slaves, such Sheriff is hereby authorized and required (such Time limited, as aforesaid, being expired,) immediately to give publick 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 hath kept such Servant or Slave in his Custody, and also to pay such other Charges, Fees or Reward, as as have become due to any Person for taking up such Run-away Servant or Slave; and after such Payments made, if any Residue shall remain of the Money or Tobacco such Servant or Slave was sold for, such Sheriff shall only be accountable to the Master or Owner of such Servant or Slave, for such Residue or Remainder, as aforesaid, and not otherwise. And in case any Sheriff or the Buyer of such Servant or Slave, or others concerned in the Execution of this Act, shall be sued by any Person or Persons for any Matter or Thing done, or to be done, in Pursuance hereof, it shall and may be lawful for every such Person or Persons so sued, to plead the general Issue, and give this Act and the special Matter in Evidence; and in case of Non-Suit, Discontinuance, or Verdict against the Plaintiff, the Court shall award double Costs of Suit.

Sheriffs having Servants or Slaves in Custody, and give Notice thereof, On Neglect of their Owners redeeming them, by paying all Charges,

The Sheriff may sell them, And pay himself and all other Charges thereof.

Then to be accountable to the Owners for the Residue.

And if the Sheriff or Buyer be sued, to plead the general Issue, &c.

Double Costs against the Plaintiff.

Two penitions of Hayes made 10 July 1729

An ACT explaining and declaring particularly what Laws were Repealed by an Act Entituled, An ACT declaring all Laws heretofore made, which have been Re-enacted this Session of Assembly, to be repealed, and for Reviving the Act for Relief of Anne-Arundel County.

WHEREAS at a Session of Assembly begun and held at the City of Annapolis the 26th Day of April, in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George, by the Grace of God of Great-Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. Annoq; Dom. 1715, There