

now, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That any Person whatsoever, either Indian or others, that shall take up any Run-away Slave ( already run away, or that shall hereafter run away ) in any Part of the back Woods, to the Northwestward of Monocacy River, from the Mouth thereof up the said River, to the fording Place where the Conestogo-Path crosses the same, near one Albine's Plantation, and then to the Northwestward of the said Conestogo-Path, until it meet with Susquehanna-River, and by them shall be brought in and delivered to the Person to be appointed and commission'd ( according to the Directions of this Act ) to receive such Run-away Negroe, shall be paid by the said Commissioner, as a Reward for each Run-away Slave taken up, brought in, and delivered as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money.

Any Indian or other Person, taking up any Run-away Slave beyond the Places here mentioned,

Shall have Five Pounds Reward.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and, Consent aforesaid, That such Person as the Governour of this Province for the Time being, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, shall think fit to appoint and commission for that End, be and is hereby authorized, impowered and required to receive all Run-away Slaves, from such Person or Persons as shall take them up in the Back-Woods as aforesaid, and shall immediately pay the Takers-up of such Slaves, out of the Publick Stock lodged in his Hands, the Sum of Money allowed them by this Act.

A Commissioner to be appointed for receiving Run away Slaves, and paying the Reward.

And be it further Enacted, That the Sum of Thirty Pounds Current Money be immediately paid by the Treasurer for the Western-Shore, to the aforesaid Commissioner to be appointed, and lodged with him, or such other Person as shall hereafter be appointed and commissioned, as a Stock and Fund, for the due discharging and paying the Takers up of such Run-away Slaves as are provided for by this Act : And the said Commissioner to be appointed to execute the same Trusts, shall be and is hereby further authorized and impowered to commit all such Run-away Slaves as he shall receive from the Takers-up, and shall have paid them for so doing, according to the Directions of this Act, to the Custody of the Sheriff of Prince-George's or Baltimore Counties, ( unless such Commissioner can secure the Reward paid to the Taker-up of such Slave, with the other Fees that shall accrue, and otherwise conveniently convey such Slave to the Owner, ) there to remain till the Master or Owner of such Slave or Slaves ( to whom the Sheriff is to give speedy Notice, if known ) shall make full Satisfaction to the said Sheriff for the Sum of Money certified to the Sheriff that hath been paid out of the Publick Stock for taking up such Run-away Slave, together with Ten Shillings Current Money, a Fee hereby allowed the Commissioner aforesaid for his Trouble on such Run-away Slave so brought before him : All which Sums of Money received by the Sheriff as aforesaid, shall be by him immediately paid to the aforesaid Commissioner, to make good the Publick Stock so far as has been disburs'd out of it ; of all which Sums of Money received or disburs'd by the said Commissioner according to the Directions of this Act, he is hereby required to keep a fair Account, to be laid before the General Assembly of this Province, as often as need shall require, and to be always under their Correction and Direction : And in case the Owner of any Run-away Slave that shall be committed to the Custody of the Sheriff, in manner aforesaid, after one Month's Notice given by the Sheriff to such Owner, if living in the Province, of his having

Money to be lodged in the Commissioners Hands, to pay for taking-up such Run-away Slaves.

The Commissioner to commit such Slaves to Prison,

Unless he can secure the Charges to be paid, and convey the Slave to his Owner.

The Commissioner to render an Account to the Assembly, when required.