

Notice being given of such Slave in Custody, and the Owner not appearing and paying all Charges,

The Sheriff is to give public Notice of Sale of such Slave, to the highest Bidder.

And out of the Money arising by such Sale, the Sheriff is to pay himself; and all other Charges.

And pay the Residue to the Owner,

If he makes out his Title to the Slave in 6 Months;

Otherwise to the publick Treasurer.

If the Buyer of such Slave should be sued, to plead this Act, &c.

Corporal Punishment of such Run-away Slaves.

such Slave or Slaves in his Custody, or Two Months like Notice if living in any of the neighbouring Provinces; or if after Six Months Imprisonment of such Slave, the Owner shall not be discovered to such Sheriff; and if such Owner of such Run-away Slave do not appear within the Time limited as aforesaid, and pay such Imprisonment Fees as are due to the Sheriff, together with the several Sums of Money deposited out of the Publick Stock for taking up such Slave or Slaves, as also the Fee of Ten Shillings Current Money allowed the said Commissioner for his Trouble on each Slave; In all such Cases, the Sheriff having such Slaves in his Custody, is hereby authorized and required (such Time of Notice limited as aforesaid being expired,) immediately to give publick Notice to all Persons by setting up Notes at the Churches and Court-House Door of the County, of the Slave or Slaves in his Custody, and of the Time and Place of the Sale thereof by him to be appointed, not less than Ten Days after the Time limited as aforesaid, is expired, and at such Time and Place by him appointed as aforesaid, to proceed to sell and dispose of such Slave or Slaves to the highest Bidder; and out of the Money the said Slave or Slaves shall be sold for, to pay himself his own just Fees, reckoning his Tobacco at One Penny per Pound, Current Money, and likewise paying to the aforesaid Commissioner all such Sums by him deposited out of the Publick Stock for taking up such Run-away Slave, together with his own Fees by this Act allowed him; and after such Payments made, if any Residue shall remain of the Money such Slave or Slaves were sold for, such Sheriff shall be only accountable to the Owner of such Slave or Slaves for such Residue or Remainder of the Money as aforesaid, and not otherwise. And in Case the Owner of such Slave so as aforesaid sold, shall not make out his Title to such Slave within Six Months after such Sale as aforesaid, and demand such Residue as such Slave shall clear as aforesaid, after Reward and Fees as aforesaid paid, then such Sheriff shall pay such Residue to the Publick Treasurer of this Province for the Time being, there to be lodg'd for the Use of such Person as shall make appear a Right to it. And in Case any Sheriff, or the Buyer of such 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 any 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. And forasmuch as that the Encouragement provided by this Act for the taking up such Run-away Negroes as aforesaid, may not be sufficient to deter such Negroes from running away in Manner aforesaid, without inflicting some corporal Punishment on them, such as may render them an Example to Others if they should be guilty of the like Offence,

*Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid,* That every Run-away Negroe that shall be taken up to the Northward of Monocacy River from the Mouth thereof up the said River, to the fording Place near Albine's Plantation, where the Conestogo Path crosses Monocacy, and so to the Northward of said Conestogo Path, 'till it meets with Susquehanna River, for the first Offence shall have One of his Ears cut off, by such Person as such Commissioner as aforesaid, shall for that Purpose authorize; and if afterwards he shall be guilty of a Second Offence in the same kind, that then he shall have the other Ear cut