

and at the next County Court thereafter, the County Court shall and may, by Virtue of this Act, try every such Offender or Offenders, according to Law; and upon the Conviction of the Offender or Offenders, upon Confession or by the Verdict of a Jury, upon the Testimony of one or more legal or creditable Witnesses, or even the Testimony and Evidence of other Slaves, corroborated with such proper Circumstances as shall convince and satisfy the Jury, to give Judgment according to the Nature and Quality of the Offence.

ANY Slave or Slaves who shall give false Testimony against any Slave or Slaves, who shall be prosecuted as aforesaid, and be thereof legally convicted, shall have one Ear cut off on the Day of his or her Conviction, and receive Thirty Nine Stripes on the bare Back, and the other Ear shall be cropped the next Day, and the like Number of Stripes given the Offender on his or her bare Back.

THE Justice of the Court, who shall preside, shall admonish and charge such Witness or Witnesses to declare the Truth and nothing but the Truth, and acquaint them with the Danger and Consequence of giving false Testimony.

WHEN any Slave shall be condemned to suffer Death, such Slave shall be valued by the Justices of the County Court, according to the best of their Knowledge, and the Value shall be paid to the Master or Owner, by the Treasurer of the respective Shore on which such Execution shall be, on the Certificate of the Sheriff; out of the publick Stock in the Hands of such Treasurer, without Fee or Reward.

WHERE any Slave shall be guilty of rambling, riding or going abroad in the Night, or riding Horses in the Day time, without leave, or running away, it shall and may be lawful for the Justices of the County Court, and they are by this Act required, upon the Application or Complaint of the Master or Owner or his Order, or of any other Person thereby damaged and injured, immediately to punish such Slave, by whipping, cropping or branding in the Check, with the Letter R. or otherwise, not extending to life, or to render such Slave unfit for Labour.

IF any Slave shall happen to be slain for refusing to surrender, or in unlawfully resisting any Officer or other Person, who shall apprehend or endeavour to apprehend such Slave or Slaves, and such Officer or other Person so killing such Slave, as aforesaid making Resistance, shall be and is by this Act indemnified from any Prosecution for such Killing aforesaid; and in every such case, such Slave or Slaves shall be valued by two reputable Persons, not being of kin to the Master or Owner of such Slave, upon Oath, to be administered unto them, and to be appointed by the then nearest Magistrate, well and truly to value what such Slave was worth, to the best of their Knowledge, without Favour or Partiality, and the whole Value of such Slave or Slaves, shall