

men begetting negro women with child; and the mulatto children of white women, and appropriate the produce to the county charge.—1715, c. 44, § 26, 27, 28. See *Negroes*, 3—6.

16. County courts are required, yearly, in *November* court, to appoint the constable of every hundred, where they think expedient, to suppress the tumultuous assembling of slaves.—1723, c. 15. § 2. And shall allow 500lb. tobacco, in the county levy, to every constable so appointed.—*ibid.* § 4.

17. Slaves committing any felony or any other offence punishable by death, may be tried at the next county court, which is empowered, on conviction of the offender, by confession, or the verdict of a jury, on the testimony of one legal witness, (or even other slaves, corroborated with such pregnant circumstances as shall satisfy the jury of the guilt of such slaves) to give judgment; but slaves, produced as witnesses on such occasions, shall be admonished by the court to declare the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, and acquainted with the danger of giving false testimony.—1751, c. 14. § 4, 6.

18. The court may immediately punish slaves guilty of rambling, riding or going abroad by night, or riding horses by day, without leave, or running away, by whipping, cropping, branding in the cheek with the letter R. or otherwise, not extending to life, or rendering such slave unfit for labour.—*ibid.* § 8.

19. The provincial and county courts are empowered to hear and determine any complaints between masters and servants, by way of petition; and give judgment and award execution thereon; and no such judgment shall be reversed, on appeal or writ of error, for want of process, jury, form, &c. unless it appear by the record that the defendant was not summoned, or not heard; and all other disputes between masters and servants, relating to indentures, contracts, wages, &c. are determinable by petition, as aforesaid.—1715, c. 44. § 31, 32. See *Servants*, &c. 2, 6, 9, 12, 15, 25.

20. County courts are vested with the like power of receiving special bail as the provincial court, and shall act therein according to the same rules.—1715, c. 28. § 7. See *Special bail*, 8, 10.

21. For the power and duty of county courts, with respect to administrators, executors, guardians and orphans, see *Administrators*, 12, 21, 23—26.—*Guardians*.—*Orphans*.

22. Where owners neglect to provide necessary food and clothing for their old and disabled slaves, or suffer any of their slaves to wander about begging, so as to become troublesome to others, the court on presentment of the grand jury, may cause such owners, to enter into recognizance,