

zance, &c. to provide, &c. for such slaves; and the court shall give this act in charge to the grand jury, at *March* court yearly, to enquire into the breaches thereof.—1752, c. 1. § 2, 7. See *Manumission of Slaves*, 3, 4.

23. The June court, heretofore held in every county, is discontinued, and abolished, and every matter or thing directed and required, by any law of this province, to be done, used and practised, at June court, shall for the future, be done, used and practised, at the August court in every county.—1774, c. 5.

24. Such part of this act as relates to guardians, shall be given in charge to the grand jury, every court, by the justices of the several and respective county courts.—1785, c. 80, § 10.

25. Any person shall have full power to commence, prosecute, and carry on to final judgment, in the county court of the county where the defendant or defendants may reside, any action or suit at law whatsoever, whether the same be for recovery of any debt or damages, or of the right or possession to or of any lands, &c. or of goods and chattels, by writ of replevin; and the several and respective county courts shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all such suits and actions.—*ibid.* c. 87, § 1. *Cont. to Oct. 20, 1798.*

26. The justices of the respective county courts shall have full power and authority, unless in cases particularly directed by law to be tried in the general courts, to try, according to law, all and every person and persons who have committed or shall commit any offence or crime whatsoever, although it may subject such person or persons to the pains of death; and upon conviction of the offender or offenders, in due course of law, in the county court of the county in which the crime or offence shall be committed, give judgment according to the nature and quality of the crime or offence.—*ibid.* § 7.

27. The justices of the several county courts are authorized and required, at their respective June courts, and on the 2d day thereof, to give this act in charge to the grand jury, and to direct them to make diligent inquiry into any breaches of this act, and particularly into the conduct of the inspectors in their county; and shall also enquire into the number of warehouses in their county, the quantity of tobacco inspected at each warehouse within the year, the number of inspectors at each warehouse, and the annual expence of, and receipts at, each warehouse, and after full inquiry and mature consideration of all circumstances, and the situation and convenience of the inhabitants of their county, who carry tobacco for inspection, to determine whether any warehouse appointed in their county ought to be discontinued and suppressed, and also whether the number of inspectors at any warehouse ought to be increased or diminished,