

offence charged, as to render the person submitting liable to the costs of the prosecution—*ibid.* § 19.

17. If any person convicted shall have any child or children under the age of 21 years, and shall not have property sufficient to maintain such, the said justices may bind out such child or children to any trade or handicraft; females until the age of 16, and males 21 years.—*ibid.* § 20.

18. On any complaint of sailors and mariners, against each other, for breaches of the peace, it shall be lawful for any two or more of the said justices to hear the complaint and to impose such fine on the offender as they may think reasonable, and to commit for non-payment thereof, and such fines shall be paid to the sheriff of Baltimore county; but either party, if the fact is controverted, may elect to have a trial by jury, and in such case the complainants shall give security to prosecute and the defendant to answer the complaint at the next criminal court.—*ibid.* § 22.

19. Any one of the said justices shall have full power to order any person within Baltimore town, or the precincts thereof, whom he shall suspect of being a vagrant, vagabond or disorderly person, or common prostitute, to appear before any two or more of the said justices, and such order shall be served by any constable of the said county; and if, on the appearance of such person, and examination by testimony, any two or more of the said justices shall determine such person to come within any of the said descriptions, the said justices may adjudge such person to serve and labor as a criminal; if a male, as a male criminal; if a female, as a female criminal, according to this act, for any time not exceeding one year, unless good security be given to such justices, to their satisfaction, for the good behaviour of such person, for any time not exceeding one year thereafter—*ibid.* § 23.

20. Every person who has no visible means of maintenance, from property or personal labour, and lives idle without employment, and every person who wanders about, and begs in the streets, or from door to door, and every person who wanders abroad, and lodges in out-houses, barns, market places, or the open air, and cannot give a good account of the means by which he procures a living, and every woman who is generally reputed a common prostitute, and every juggler or fortune teller, or common gambler, shall be adjudged a vagrant, vagabond, or disorderly person, within the meaning of this act—*ibid.* § 24.

21. Any two or more of the said justices may adjudge any person, condemned in any of the United States to labour, as a punishment for any crime, to serve and labor as a criminal, according to this act, for any term not exceeding the residue of the term for which such person shall have been condemned, and which condemnation shall appear to the said justices by the record of conviction; but if such person shall be demanded by the
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