

state from whence he escaped, he shall be immediately delivered agreeably to such demand.—*ibid.* § 25.

22. The said justices shall appoint any number of constables they may think proper, and displace them, and appoint others in their room, for the execution of this act; and the said justices may allow such constables such reward as the said justices may think reasonable, and they may assess on Baltimore county any sum not exceeding 200l. current money, for that purpose, which shall be collected with the county assessment.—*ibid.* § 26.

23. The expence attending the execution of this act, shall be paid by Baltimore county, and shall be assessed by the said justices, and collected with the county assessment; and the said justices are hereby directed to publish, in one of the Baltimore newspapers, a statement of the money by them annually received and expended in virtue of this act, and to return a duplicate thereof annually to the general assembly, at their November sessions.—*ibid.* § 27.

24. The general court, and every county court of this state, (except the county court of Baltimore county) shall have the same power, and may pass judgment in the same manner, against any criminal convicted before them for any of the crimes herein before enumerated, as is given and allowed by this act to the justices appointed in virtue thereof; and in case of the conviction and adjudication of any slave or servant to serve and labour agreeably to this act, the court before whom they shall be so convicted and adjudged shall value them; and if convicted and adjudged in the general court, the valuation shall be paid to the owner by the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, where such slave or servant shall be convicted; and if convicted, &c. in any county court, the valuation shall be assessed in the county assessment, and paid to the owner by the collector thereof; and the general court may order any criminal, so convicted, &c. to be conveyed at the expence of the state, and any county court may order any criminal, so convicted, &c. to be conveyed, at the expence of such county, and delivered to the person or persons appointed to take care of the criminals in Baltimore county, who are hereby directed to receive, and work, and treat such criminal in the same manner as the criminals convicted in Baltimore county; and every criminal so conveyed to Baltimore county, shall be subject, in every respect, to the regulations and provisions herein before prescribed, respecting the criminals convicted in Baltimore county, and every county sending a criminal to Baltimore county, shall pay at the time of delivery of such criminal, to the person or persons to whom delivered, 5l. current money, and the state will pay the same sum for every criminal sent by the general court; and every county court may adjudge any free male criminal to work and labour for such time as they may think proper, not exceeding 7 years, and any slave not exceeding 14 years, for the same crime, on the
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