

such delinquent according to their discretion not exceeding 50l. and jurors summoned to attend the respective county courts, and shall without sufficient excuse, neglect to attend, may be fined by the justices of such courts, any sum not exceeding 30l. current money.—*Oct.* 1778, c. 21, § 15. *But see the following Art.*

12. In all cases in which jurors shall be summoned to appear at the general court, and shall without sufficient excuse, neglect to appear, the general court may fine such person, not exceeding 35l. current money; and jurors summoned to attend any county court, and shall, without sufficient excuse, neglect to appear, may be fined by the said court not exceeding 20l. current money.—*April*, 1782, c. 40, § 1.

13. No person shall be summoned as a juror by any sheriff or coroner of this state so two general or county courts successively.—1797, c. 87 § 3.

14. The sheriff shall return to their respective county courts a pannel of 48 jurors qualified (as required by the constitution and laws of this state and of the age of 25 years) out of which the courts shall direct the clerk to draw, by ballot, 23 persons, who shall be impannelled and sworn to serve as grand jurors during the term to which they shall be summoned; and the persons remaining upon the said original pannel shall attend the court, and serve as petit jurors.—*ibid.* § 8.

15. In all civil cases called for trial in the general and county courts, in which a juror shall be necessary according to the laws and constitution of this state, 20 persons from the pannel of petit jurors shall be drawn by ballot, by the clerks, under the direction of the said respective courts, and the names of the 20 persons shall be written upon two lists, and one of the said lists shall be forthwith delivered to the respective parties, or their counsel in the cause, and it shall be lawful for each of the said parties, or their counsel, to strike out four persons from the said lists, and the remaining 12 persons shall, thereupon be immediately impannelled, and sworn as the petit jury in such cause; and if the said parties, or their counsel, or either of them, shall neglect, or refuse to strike out from the said lists the number of persons hereby directed, it shall be lawful for the respective courts aforesaid to direct their clerks to strike out from the list of the party or parties so neglecting or refusing the number of persons hereinbefore mentioned, and the remaining 12 persons shall be impannelled, and sworn as aforesaid; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to take away the right of any person or persons to challenge the array or polls of any pannel returned, in the manner always allowed by the laws of this state, or in any manner to affect or change any of the provisions contained in the act, entitled, A supplement to an act concerning petitions for freedom*, passed, 1793.—*ibid.* § 9.

* This act is repealed by 1796, c. 67, § 31, whereby similar laws are enacted, See Negroes and Slaves, Art. 62, 63, 64, 65.

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