

hundred; and if he find any slaves, (except such as belong to the owner of the place) without a licence under their owner's or overseer's hand, shall whip every such negro on the bare back, at his discretion, not exceeding thirty nine stripes. 1723, c. 15, § 2.

14, 15. For enabling the constable to put this act in execution, he may require as many persons as may be necessary, to repair with him to such places; every person so required, and refusing, shall forfeit 100lb. tobacco; and all white persons present shall aid such constable, on penalty of 100lb. tobacco: one half to the county, the other half to the informer; and all slaves belonging to the owner of the place, if required, shall aid the constable, on penalty of each receiving 39 stripes on the bare back.—*ibid.* § 3.

16. Every constable so appointed shall be allowed 500lb. tobacco in the county levy.—*ibid.* § 4.

17. Any negro, or other slave, convicted before a single magistrate of striking any white person, such magistrate may cause one of the offenders slave's ears to be cropt.—*ibid.*

18. The owner of any plantation may warn any strange negro, or other slave, (not sent by their owners on lawful occasions) to be gone to their owners; and, on refusal or delay so to do, may correct such slave by whipping not exceeding 39 lashes.—*ibid.* § 5.

19. Any persons encouraging negroes to meet in companies on their plantations, (unless on lawful occasions) shall forfeit 1000lb. tobacco to the use aforesaid.—*ibid.*

20. Owners, suffering any of their slaves to keep any horses or mares, or to raise any cattle or hogs, as the proper right of such slaves, shall forfeit 500lb tobacco; and all such horses, &c. shall likewise be forfeited, one half to the informer, the other to the use aforesaid.—*ibid.* § 6.

21. Runaway, outlying slaves, refusing to surrender themselves, or making resistance against persons legally empowered to take them up, may be shot, killed or destroyed by such persons.—*ibid.* § 7.

22. This act shall be read in every county court, by the sheriff, or his deputy, on forfeiture of 500lb. tobacco for every omission one half to the use of the county, the other to the informer.—*ibid.* § 8.

23. Free mulatto women, and their bastard issue, shall be subject to the same penalties as white women and their issue are, for having mulatto bastards by the act of 1715, c. 44. (*See above*, art. 3 and 4.) Free negro women, having bastards by white men, and their issue, shall be subject to the same penalties; and the proceedings hereon shall be the same as prescribed in that act.—1728, c. 4.