

by the court, and the whole value shall be paid by the treasurer of the respective shore on which such execution shall be, out of the public stock, to the owner, on certificate of the sheriff, in case such slave shall be actually executed.—*ibid.* § 7.

33. Slaves guilty of rambling, riding, or going abroad by night, or riding horses by day without leave, or running away, may (on application of their owners or other person injured by them) be immediately punished by the county court, by whipping, cropping, branding in the cheek with the letter R, or otherwise, not extending to life, or rendering such slave unfit for labour.—*ibid.* § 8.

34. Officers or other persons, endeavouring to apprehend any slave who shall happen to be slain for refusing to surrender, or unlawfully resisting, &c. shall be indemnified from any prosecution for such killing. *ibid.* § 9. But this clause shall not be construed to indemnify any officer or other person, killing any slave resisting or refusing to surrender, from undergoing a legal trial; but such person may plead the general issue, &c. And if it appear on evidence, that such killing was done in pursuance of the foregoing act, such person shall be acquitted, and the public shall pay all the costs and charges of such prosecution.—1753, c. 26.

35. Slaves so killed, shall be valued by two reputable persons, not of kin to the owner, to be appointed and sworn, (*well and truly to value what such slave was worth, to the best of their knowledge, without favour or partiality*) by the then nearest magistrate, and the whole value, certified by them to such magistrate, shall be paid to the owner or his order, by the treasurer of the respective shore on which such death happened, out of the public stock, on certificate of such death and value, by the said magistrate.—1751, c. 14, § 9.

36, 37. Any free person enticing or persuading a slave to run away who shall actually run away, and being thereof convicted, shall forfeit the full value of such slave, to the owner; or in case of inability to pay, shall suffer one year's imprisonment, without bail, &c. and any white servant guilty of the same offence, shall, after the expiration of his servitude, become a servant to the owner of such slave for four years, or pay the value of the slave, which in either case, shall be adjudged at the trial, by the court before whom the fact shall be tried, which trial may be either in the county where the offence shall be committed, or where the offender shall be apprehended.—*ibid.* § 10.

38. No money shall be paid for any slave, either dying in gaol after sentence, or executed, unless such slave was an actual inhabitant within this province, at the time of such fact committed.—*ibid.* § 12.

39. The several sheriffs, shall cause this act to be read at the court house door, on the second day of each county court, on forfeiture of