

pointed by the ministers of the Roman catholic religion within this state, citizens thereof, or by a majority of them present; which ministers, shall meet as often as may be necessary for their general interests, or to fill up vacancies.—*ibid.* § 4.

4. The congregation in Baltimore, erected into a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic church in the town of Baltimore.—1795, c. 15.

5. The congregation in Charles county, erected into a body politic and corporate, by the name, style and title, of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic society worshipping at the church of Saint-Mary, in the vicinity of Bryan town, in Charles county.—1796, c. 38.

6. The corporation of the Roman Catholic clergymen, enabled to receive a conveyance and hold certain lands, and authorised, in behalf of the college of George-town, to receive donations, for the maintenance and education of 30 scholars, not exceeding in any one year 4000 dollars. 1797, c. 40.

R U N A W A Y S.

1, 2. **S**ERVANTS by indenture, custom of the country, or hire, travelling by land or water, ten miles from home, without a note from their master, &c. or overseer, shall be liable to be taken up, and suffer as runaways; and persons travelling out of their own counties, without a pass under the county seal (for which they shall pay 10lb. tobacco, or 1s. in money) and not being sufficiently known, or able to give a good account of themselves to the magistrate before whom brought, shall be deemed runaways.—1715, c. 44, § 1, and 5.

3, 4. Every person seizing or taking up such runaways travelling without passes, and not able to give account of themselves, shall receive 200lb. tobacco from the owner of such runaway servant, negro, or slave so apprehended; and if such runaway be not a servant, and refuse to pay the same, he or she shall make satisfaction by servitude or otherwise, as the justices of the provincial or county courts shall think fit, and Indians seizing any runaway, and bringing them before a magistrate, shall have a match-coat, or the value thereof, paid by the county wherein apprehended; and such runaway, if not a slave, shall reimburse the county by servitude or as the justices shall think fit. *ibid.* § 6, 7.

5, 6. Persons apprehended as runaways shall be carried before the next county magistrate, who shall take them into custody, or otherwise secure and dispose of them, till they find security to answer at the next county court, as he shall think fit; and the court shall secure them
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