

till they make satisfaction, to the party apprehending them; unless they make such satisfaction before the court shall happen; notes of the names of persons so apprehended, shall be set up at the adjacent county courts, provincial court and secretary's office, for public view.—*ibid.* § 8.

7. 8. For every runaway servant or slave, taken up in *Pennsylvania* or *Virginia*, and delivered to some magistrate in this province, the owner shall pay 400lb. tobacco and cash, or 40s. in money to the person so doing, on his producing a certificate from the magistrate or sheriff, of the delivery of such runaway; except runaways brought from *Accomack* into *Somerset* county, or that side of *Virginia* next the river *Patowmack*, for which only 200lb. tobacco, or 20s. shall be paid; for which sums such runaway shall make satisfaction by servitude or otherwise, besides such recompence for absence as the court shall adjudge; and freemen so apprehended, and refusing such payment, shall be committed, till satisfaction be made or secured.—*ibid.* § 20.

9. Persons taken up as suspected runaways (except negroes and mulattoes) and committed by a magistrate to the sheriff or jaylor, shall not be held in custody longer than 6 months; and if such person can, within that time, make proof that he is no servant, he may, by any two justices of the county, be discharged, on serving the sheriff or jaylor, so many days as he or she was in custody, or paying 10lb. tobacco per day, and also paying the person who took him or her up, 200lb. tobacco, or 20 days service in lieu thereof; and the sheriff or jaylor detaining such person after order of the justices, or expiration of the six months, and payment of fees, shall be liable to an action of false imprisonment. *ibid.* § 35.

10. Sheriffs, having any runaway servants or slaves committed to their custody, after one month's notice to the owner, if living in this province, or two months notice, if living in any neighbouring province, if such owner do not appear within the time limited, and pay or secure the imprisonment fees and charges of taking up; such sheriff shall set up notes appointing the time (not less than ten days after the time limited as aforesaid) and place for selling such servants or slaves by public vendue and pay himself the imprisonment fees, and also pay the charges due upon taking them up, out of the produce of the sale, and shall only be accountable to the owner for the residue; persons sued for any thing done in pursuance of this act, may plead the general issue; and in case of nonsuit, &c. shall have double costs.—1719, c. 2.

11. It shall be the duty of the respective sheriffs, upon any runaway being committed to their custody, to cause the same to be advertised in some public newspaper within 20 days after such commitment, and to make particular and minute description of the person, cloths and any bodily marks of such runaway.—*Nov.* 1792, c. 72, § 2.

12. If no person shall apply for such runaway within 30 days from such