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ty or criminal court, or justice, as aforesaid, shall have power and authority to continue any apprentice so long as they or he shall be satisfied that the widow hath it in her power to, and doth, fulfil, the contract made with her husband; and the harbourer or harbourers of any apprentice or apprentices before they are discharged as aforesaid, shall be considered, and shall suffer the same penalties, as the harbourer or harbourers of servants are liable to under the laws of this state.

Master, &c.
may apply to
the court, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That either the master or apprentice, upon a petition being filed, may apply to the court for the benefit of a trial by jury, and that the court shall thereupon charge, as the law directs, the attending jury, to determine each and all of the allegations contained in the said petition, which may be controverted, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

An act repealed.
• Chapter 43.

XVIII. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-six, * entitled, An act respecting apprentices, shall be and is hereby repealed.

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Passed 28th of
Dec. 1793.

An ACT to alter the time of holding the levy courts in the several counties therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 50.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the holding of the levy courts in the counties of Saint-Mary's, Talbot, Kent, Somerset, Dorchester, Cæcil, Queen-Anne's, Worcester, Caroline, Harford and Prince-George's, at the time now directed by law, is found to be extremely inconvenient to the several collectors in the counties aforesaid;

Justices, when
to meet, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the several and respective justices of the peace, who now compose, or shall hereafter compose, the levy courts in the several counties of Saint-Mary's, Talbot, Kent, Somerset, Dorchester, Cæcil, Queen-Anne's, Worcester, Caroline, Harford and Prince-George's, instead of meeting as heretofore required by law, are hereby authorized and required, for ever hereafter, to meet at the usual places for holding the county courts in the several counties aforesaid as follows, viz. In Saint-Mary's, Queen-Anne's, Kent, Somerset, Worcester and Prince-George's counties, on the first Monday in April in every year hereafter, in Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline counties, on the third Monday in February in every year, in Cæcil and Harford counties on the second Monday in April in every year, any law to the contrary hereof in anywise notwithstanding.

See 1794, ch. 10 and ch. 53, as to the time of holding the levy courts.

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* 1789, ch. 26.

A Further supplement to an act, * entitled, An act to regulate the inspection of tobacco, passed November session, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine. Lib. JG. No. 2. fol. 51.

Preamble.

WHEREAS many inconveniencies exist under the present laws to regulate the inspection of tobacco, for which it is necessary to provide remedies; therefore,

Penalty on
skippers for not
securing tobacco,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any skipper or master of a flat or other vessel, after the first day of May next, shall take tobacco from any warehouse in this state on board his flat or boat, when the said flat or boat shall not be in good condition and provided with sufficient covering to secure such tobacco from rain, snow and wet, such master or skipper shall forfeit and pay the sum of seven shillings and six-pence current money for every hoghead of tobacco so by him received on board as aforesaid, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, as in the case of small debts, one third to the use of the informer, and two thirds to the use of the county; and it is hereby declared to be the duty of every inspector to inform against every skipper whom he shall find so offending as aforesaid; and every inspector, before he permits any tobacco to be put on board any flat or other vessel, to be carried from his warehouse, shall examine the said flat or vessel in person, to see that the said flat or vessel is in good condition, and well provided with good and sufficient covering to secure such tobacco from rain, snow, wet, and other injuries of weather.

Skippers to
make oath, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall not be lawful for any skipper or master of any flat or other vessel, after the said first day of May next, to take any tobacco from any warehouse within this state, in order to carry the same on board any ship or other vessel for exportation, before such skipper