

order of any two or more of the said justices, and the money arising from the sale shall be applied to the use of the county; provided always, that such servant shall not be sold for a longer time than shall remain unexpired of his or her servitude at the time of his or her being so adjudged.

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XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, If any male or female criminal shall run away before the time shall be fully expired for which such criminal shall be convicted and adjudged, the time of service and labour of such criminal shall be extended by the said justices, not exceeding one year for every time such criminal shall run away.

Criminals running away to serve, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, If any criminal shall actually serve and labour the full time appointed, such service and labour shall have the effect of a pardon, to all intents and purposes, for the crime for which such criminal was convicted.

Time served out deemed a pardon, &c.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, If any person committed for non-payment of any penalty, fine or forfeiture, shall remain in prison above thirty days, and shall not, within that time, enter into recognizance, with such security as any one of the said justices may approve, for payment of such penalty, fine or forfeiture, and costs, within six months thereafter, that it shall be lawful for the sheriff of the said county to sell such person at auction as a servant, for a term not exceeding one year, or such less time as will produce the penalty, fine or forfeiture, and costs, or, if so directed by any two of the said justices, for any term not exceeding two years, or such less time as will produce the penalty, fine or forfeiture, and costs, and the money arising from the sale shall be applied to the payment of such penalty, fine or forfeiture, and costs.

Persons committed may be sold, &c.

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said justices, or any three or more of them, in court sitting, shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the county court of the said county to hear and determine all complaints between masters, servants and apprentices, and any order by the said justices in such cases may be removed to the general court.

Justices to have concurrent jurisdiction, &c.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, If any security in any recognizance shall request to surrender up the principal, it shall be lawful for any one of the said justices to accept such surrender in or out of court, and he shall thereupon require and take other recognizance, or commit the principal to gaol until he give such security as the law requires.

Security may surrender the principal, &c.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any person presented or indicted may submit to the court, and shall not be compelled to the expence of a trial by a jury; provided, that such submission shall always be deemed so far an admission of the crime or offence charged as to render the person submitting liable to the costs of the prosecution.

Persons presented may submit, &c.

XX. AND BE IT ENACTED, If any person convicted shall have any child or children under the age of twenty-one years, and shall not have property sufficient to maintain such child or children, that the said justices may bind out such child or children to any trade or handicraft, females until the age of sixteen years, and males until the age of twenty-one years.

Justices may bind out children, &c.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, If any person shall be convicted of robbery, or of grand and petit larceny, or of forgery, and the property taken, or money received, is not returned to the party injured, and such convicted person shall have property within the state, the court before whom such person shall be convicted shall, at the instance of the party injured, issue execution against the property of such convicted person, in the name of the person injured, for the value of the property so taken, or money so received; such value, or sum of money, to be estimated by the said court.

Execution to issue in certain cases, &c.

XXII. Whereas it frequently happens, in the town of Baltimore, that sailors and mariners complain against each other for breaches of the peace, and it is often ruinous to the parties and injurious to trade, to compel such persons to appear at the next criminal court; BE IT ENACTED, That, on any such complaint, it shall be lawful for any two or more of the said justices to hear the complaint, and to impose such fine on the offender as they may think reasonable, and to commit for non-payment thereof; and such fines shall be paid to the sheriff of Baltimore county; provided, that either party, if the fact is controverted, may elect to have a trial by jury, and in such case the complainants shall give security to prosecute, and the defendant to answer, the complaint at the next criminal court.

Complaints by sailors may be heard, &c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That any one of the said justices shall have full power to order any person within Baltimore-town, or the precincts thereof, whom he shall suspect of being a vagrant, vagabond

Justices may order persons to be apprehended, &c.