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vagabond or disorderly person, or common prostitute, to appear before any two or more of the said justices, and such order shall be served by any constable of the said county; and if, on the appearance of such person, and examination by testimony, any two or more of the said justices shall determine such person to come within any of the said descriptions, the said justices may adjudge such person to serve and labour as a criminal, if a male, as a male criminal, if a female, as a female criminal, according to this act, for any time not exceeding one year, unless good security be given to such justices, to their satisfaction, for the good behaviour of such person for any time not exceeding one year thereafter.

This section is repealed by 1799, ch. 58, section 13.

What persons shall be adjudged vagrants, &c.

XXIV. AND, to ascertain what persons shall be deemed vagrants, vagabonds and disorderly persons, within the intention of this act. BE IT ENACTED, That every person who has no visible means of maintenance, from property or personal labour, and lives idle without employment; and every person who wanders about, and begs in the streets, or from door to door, and every person who wanders abroad, and lodges in out-houses, barns, market-places, or the open air, and cannot give a good account of the means by which he procures a living, and every woman who is generally reputed a common prostitute, and every juggler, fortune-teller, or common gambler, shall be adjudged a vagrant, vagabond or disorderly person, within the meaning of this act.

This section is repealed by 1799, ch. 58, section 13.

Persons condemned may be adjudged to labour, &c.

XXV. Whereas it is represented, that persons condemned in other states to labour, as a punishment for their crimes, have escaped and come into Baltimore county, and have been taken up as vagrants; BE IT ENACTED, That any two or more of the said justices may adjudge any person, condemned in any of the United States to labour, as a punishment for any crime, to serve and labour as a criminal, according to this act, for any term not exceeding the residue of the term for which such person shall have been condemned, and which condemnation shall appear to the said justices by the record of conviction; but if such person shall be demanded by the state from whence he escaped, he shall be immediately delivered agreeably to such demand.

This section is repealed by 1799, ch. 58, section 13.

Justices to appoint constables, &c.

XXVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said justices be authorized to appoint any number of constables they may think proper, and to displace them, and appoint others in their room, for the execution of this act; and the said justices may allow such constables such reward as the said justices may think reasonable, and they may assess on Baltimore county any sum not exceeding two hundred pounds current money for that purpose, which shall be collected with the county assessment.

Expence to be paid by Baltimore, &c.

XXVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the expence attending the execution of this act shall be paid by Baltimore county, and shall be assessed by the said justices, and collected with the county assessment; and the said justices are hereby directed to publish, in one of the Baltimore newspapers, a statement of the money by them annually received and expended in virtue of this act, and to return a duplicate of said account or accounts annually to the general assembly, at their November sessions.

General court, &c. to have the same power, &c.

XXVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the general court, and every county court, of this state, (except the county court of Baltimore county,) shall have the same power, and may pass judgment in the same manner, against any criminal convicted before them for any of the crimes herein before enumerated, as is given and allowed by this act to the justices appointed in virtue thereof; and in case of the conviction and adjudication of any slave or servant to serve and labour agreeably to this act, the court before whom they shall be so convicted and adjudged shall value them; and if convicted and adjudged in the general court, the valuation shall be paid to the owner by the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, where such slave or servant shall be convicted; and if convicted and adjudged in any county court, the valuation shall be assessed in the county assessment, and paid to the owner by the collector thereof; and the general court may order any criminal, so convicted and adjudged before them, to be conveyed, at the expence of the state, and any county court may order any criminal, so convicted and adjudged before them, to be conveyed, at the expence of such county, and delivered to the person or persons appointed to take care of the criminals in Baltimore county, and the said person or persons are hereby directed and required to receive, and work and treat, such criminal, in the same manner as the criminals convicted in Baltimore county; and every criminal so conveyed to Baltimore county shall be subject, in every respect, to the regulations and provisions herein before prescribed respecting the criminals convicted in Baltimore county; and every county sending a criminal to Baltimore county shall pay, at the time of delivery of such criminal, to the person or persons to whom such criminal shall be delivered, the sum of five pounds current money, and