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— May order the offender to be whipped, if unable to pay or give security for such fine. *Ibid.* § 3.

— May issue a warrant against servants or slaves so entertaining such servants, and punish them by whipping. *Ibid.* § 4.

— May appoint persons to value slaves killed for refusing to surrender as therein described, and certify such value to the treasurer. 1751, ch. 14, § 9.

— May give judgment for the fine on clerks neglecting to signify the appointment of constables. 1752, ch. 7, § 2.

— For the fine on persons taking up boats and not complying with the directions of this act. 1753, ch. 10, § 3.

— Shall deliver to the person giving notice of boats drove from their moorings, &c. advertisements describing the same. *Ibid.* § 2.

— May take the acknowledgments of gifts of negroes or other slaves. 1763, ch. 13, § 2.

— May, on complaint, commit disorderly persons to the work-house for three months, unless security for good behaviour is given. 1768, ch. 29, § 16.

— May, on complaint of the trustees of the poor, order any person in the work-house to be whipped. *Ibid.*

— May apprehend any rogues, vagrants, vagabonds, beggars, and other idle and dissolute persons, found loitering, who follow no trade, &c. and have no visible means of subsistence, and commit them to the work-house, to be kept at hard labour. *Ibid.* § 17.

— May, by warrant under hand and seal, remove and convey any poor person to the county where he was last legally settled, either as a native, householder, apprentice or servant, unless security is given for good behaviour and discharge of the county. *Ibid.* § 18.

— Shall not be eligible as a trustee of the poor. *Ibid.* § 6.

— May give judgment for fines by act of assembly not exceeding £. 5, and may thereupon commit the offender till payment to the sheriff, or by warrant to any constable direct the same to be levied, with costs, on his goods or chattels. February, 1777, ch. 6.

— Shall annually return to the treasurers lists of such fines. *Ibid.*

— May, on the application of a sheriff, and his complying with the directions in this act, where a debtor is about to abscond, give a warrant, under hand and seal, empowering him to execute for fees such debtor or his effects, and shall return the oath on which it shall be granted to the next county court. November, 1779, ch. 25, § 13.

— May, if an account above the rates has been paid to an ordinary-keeper, compel him in a summary way to restore the whole sum paid. March, 1780, ch. 24, § 4.

— May issue a warrant to the constable to take any free woman who he is informed has an illegitimate child. November, 1781, ch. 13, § 1.

— Shall call on such woman, if brought before him, for security to indemnify the county from any charge on account of the child, and on her neglect or refusal, may commit her to the sheriff till it is given. *Ibid.*

— Shall, if she will on oath discover the father, discharge her, and call the father before him, if residing in the county, and cause him to give such security in the sum of £. 50. *Ibid.*

— Shall, if the father resides in another county, transmit, under his hand and seal, a copy of the proceedings, and the justice to whom they are sent shall proceed against the father as before directed. *Ibid.*

— May, if the person thinks himself aggrieved by his judgment, take and return his recognizance for his appearance at the next county court. *Ibid.* § 2, 1785, ch. 47, § 2.

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— May, on application, issue an order for the payment of a sum, not exceeding 30 dollars per annum, till the child shall arrive at the age of seven years, on failure whereof *scire facias* may issue on the recognizance. 1796, ch. 34.

— May direct the county clerk to grant licence to a person to sell liquors at a horse-race. 1784, ch. 7, § 15, ch. 37, § 32.

— May take the probat of accounts, &c. 1785, ch. 46.

— May give judgment for the fine for permitting slaves to act as free. April, 1787, ch. 33, § 3.

— May issue a warrant to arrest any person pardoned on condition of leaving the state, who returns contrary thereto, and may commit him. November, 1787, ch. 17, § 4.

— May, on complaint, issue a warrant against persons setting up booths contrary to the act for the suppression of fairs, and commit them to gaol till such booths are removed, and the fine paid. 1790, ch. 15, § 3.

— May, on application by a person whose property has been taken for taxes, give a warrant to the county clerk to issue a writ of replevin for such property, on the proofs and in the manner therein prescribed. *Ibid.* ch. 53, § 2, 3, 9.

See REPLEVIN.

— May try and determine matters of controversy not exceeding £. 10. 1791, ch. 68.

See SMALL DEBTS.

— May take children who are destitute or suffering, or the children of beggars, and place them with some person till the meeting of the orphans court, to be then bound out. 1793, ch. 45, § 3.

— May issue a warrant to apprehend a person refusing to serve in the militia, and unable to procure a substitute, and commit him not exceeding twenty days. *Ibid.* ch. 53, § 20.

— May issue a warrant to the clerk of the county court for an attachment in the cases and in the manner therein prescribed. 1795, ch. 56, § 1.

See ATTACHMENT.

— May punish slaves convicted of whipping or beating the water in Patuxent river with poles or sticks to drive the fish, between the first of February and first of June, by whipping not exceeding ten lashes, unless acting by order of their masters, who may then be fined, or unless the masters will redeem such slaves, by payment of twenty dollars, half to the informer, and half to such justice to the use of the county. 1796, ch. 32, § 3, 4.

— Shall account at the levy court for all money received by virtue of this act, under the penalty of 200 dollars. *Ibid.*

— May give judgment for fines arising under the ordinances of the city of Baltimore, if not exceeding twenty dollars. *Ibid.* ch. 68, § 9.

— May, on complaint made, or on view, suppress and prevent the playing at A. B. C. E. O. L. S. D. faro tables, or any other device, (as prohibited by this act,) and commit the persons offending to the sheriff or constable. 1797, ch. 110, § 4.

— May, if resistance is made, summon the *posse comitatus*. *Ibid.*

— May give judgment for the fines under the act for the establishment of vestries. 1798, ch. 24, § 27.

— May appoint appraisers to appraise property not returned in a former inventory. *Ibid.* No. 101, ch. 6, § 10.

Powers to be exercised by two justices of the peace, viz.

Two justices may discharge persons taken up as runaways from imprisonment, on their proving that they are not servants. 1715, ch. 44, § 34.

— May take the acknowledgments of conveyances of lands, &c. *Ibid.* ch. 47, § 8, November, 1766, ch. 14, § 2.

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