

SERVANTS AND SLAVES.

Indentures made by them during servitude declared void. *Ibid.* § 19.

Regulations respecting the treatment of imported servants, and their punishment for misbehaviour. *Ibid.* § 21.

Directions respecting the payment of tobacco for apprehending runaway servants or slaves in Pennsylvania or Virginia. *Ibid.* § 20.

Free men, apprehended there as such, liable to be committed on refusing to pay such tobacco. *Ibid.*

A free negro or mulatto intermarrying with a white person shall become a slave for life, except a mulatto born of a white woman, who shall become a servant for seven years. 1717, ch. 13, § 5.

Such persons to be disposed of by the county courts for the use of the county schools. *Ibid.*

A white woman suffering herself to be got with child by a negro or other slave, or free negro, shall become a servant for seven years. 1715, ch. 44, § 25.

If a servant, she shall finish her servitude, together with satisfaction for damages, and shall again become a servant for seven years. *Ibid.*

Any free negro begetting such child shall become a servant for seven years. *Ibid.* § 26.

White men begetting any negro woman with child, (whether free or servants,) shall undergo the same penalties as white women. *Ibid.* § 27.

The times of servitude to be disposed of by the county courts for the use of the counties. *Ibid.*

Free mulatto women having bastard children, and free negro women having bastard children, by white men, are subject to the same penalties as white women for having mulatto bastards. 1728, ch. 4, § 2, 3.

Servant women having bastards, to satisfy the damages by servitude or otherwise, as the court may direct, &c. 1715, ch. 44, § 28, 29.

Power of the courts to determine on complaints between masters and servants by petition, and disputes respecting indentures. *Ibid.* § 30, 31.

Punishment of servants feloniously taking or purloining their masters goods. *Ibid.* § 33.

Directions respecting servants taken up and committed as runaways. *Ibid.* § 6, 7, 8, 9, 34, 1719, ch. 2.

Directions respecting freedom dues to servants. 1715, ch. 44, § 10.

Imported servants, how to serve their owners for time lost by commitment for offences, or for fines paid on their behalf. 1750, ch. 5, § 1, 2, 3.

Directions respecting the payment of fees on the prosecution of imported white servants. 1727, ch. 2.

Penalty on ordinary-keepers harbouring, entertaining, or selling liquor to, any bought, indentured or convict servant, without leave in writing. March, 1780, ch. 24, § 17.

The criminal court in Baltimore empowered to hear complaints between masters and servants. 1793, ch. 57, § 17.

SETTLEMENT.

If any child or descendant of an intestate shall have been advanced by such intestate by settlement or portion, the same shall be reckoned in the surplus, and, if it be equal or superior to a share, such child or descendant shall be excluded; and maintenance or education, or money given without a view to a portion or settlement, shall not be deemed advancement. 1798, No. 101, ch. 11, § 6.

SETTLERS ON RESERVED LANDS.

See LAND and LAND-OFFICE.

SHERIFFS.

Sheriffs shall be elected in each county by ballot every third year; that is to say, two persons for the office of sheriff for each county. Const. 42.

The one having the majority of votes, or (if both have an equal number,) either of them, at the discretion of the governor, to be commissioned by him for the office. *Ibid.*

Such person, having served for three years, shall be ineligible for the four years next succeeding. *Ibid.*

Bond with security to be taken every year as usual, and no sheriff shall be qualified to act before the same is given. *Ibid.*

In case of vacancy by death, &c. before the expiration of the said three years, the other person chosen as aforesaid shall be commissioned by the governor to execute the said office for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving bond and security as aforesaid. *Ibid.*

In case of his death, &c. before the expiration of the said time, a person to be appointed as aforesaid by the governor and council, and to give bond, &c. *Ibid.*

The several counties of this state, for the purpose of holding all future elections for delegates, electors of the senate and sheriffs, to be divided into districts as therein after directed. 1798, ch. 115, confirmed by 1799, ch. 48.

Every part of the forty-second section of the constitution which relate to the judges, time, place and manner, of holding the election for sheriffs, abrogated, repealed and annulled, and the same shall be regulated by law. *Ibid.*

Commissioners appointed for laying off the several election districts. 1799, ch. 50, § 20.

Directions for the appointment of judges and clerks, &c. *Ibid.* § 3, 4, 5, 6, 8.

Oath to be taken by the judges and clerks. *Ibid.* § 9.

The judges directed to hold the elections for sheriffs on the first Monday of October, 1800, and of every third year forever thereafter. *Ibid.* § 8.

The judges or judge as aforesaid shall hold the said elections at the several places herein before provided to be appointed, and the polls thereof shall be carried on without interruption or adjournment; so that the whole shall be concluded in one day. *Ibid.*

No ballot shall be taken before nine in the morning, nor after eight in the evening. *Ibid.*

All free men above the age of twenty-one years, having a free-hold of fifty acres of land in the county in which they offer to ballot, and residing therein, and all free men above the age of twenty-one years, and having property in the state above £. 30, and having resided in the county in which they offer to ballot one whole year next preceding the election, shall have a right of suffrage. Const. 42.

No person to be eligible to the office of sheriff for a county but an inhabitant thereof above the age of twenty-one, and having real and personal property in the state above the value of £. 1000. *Ibid.*

Every person qualified to vote shall vote in the election district in which he shall reside at the time of the election, and at no other place. 1799, ch. 50, § 11.

Directions as to the manner of balloting, and for preventing frauds therein. *Ibid.* § 19.

Penalty for giving a bribe, &c. to procure any person's ballot. *Ibid.* § 18.

On using force, &c. to influence the election. *Ibid.* § 17.

Penalty on persons having voted once offering to vote again in the same district or county. *Ibid.* § 12.

On persons offering to vote in names not their own, or in the place of any person of the same name. *Ibid.*

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