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aforesaid that such persons in the possession of this province
for the time being with the Advice of his Lordships Council
of State shall think fit to appoint and Commission for that
purpose and is hereby Authorized Impowered and required
to receive all Runaway Slaves from such person or persons
as shall take them up in the backwoods as aforesaid and
and shall immediately pay the takers up of such Slaves out of
the publick Stock lodged in his hands the Sum of money
allowed them by this Act. And be it ~~further~~ Enacted
that the Sum of Thirty pounds Current money
be immediately paid by the Treasurer for the use of the
to the aforesaid Commissioner to be appointed and lodged
with him or such other person as ~~shall~~ ^{shall} be appointed
and Commissioned as a Stock fund for the due discharging
and paying the Takers up of such Runaway Slaves as are
provided for by this Act and the said Commissioner to be
appointed to execute the same Trusts shall be and is hereby
further Authorized and Impowered to commit all such Run-
away Slaves as he shall receive from the Takers up and shall
have paid them for so doing according to the directions of this
Act to the Custody of the Sheriff of Prince Georges or Baltimore
County unless such Commissioner can secure the Reward
paid to the takers up of such Slaves with the other fees that
shall accrue and otherwise conveniently convey such Slave
to the owner thereof to remain ^{untill} the Master or owner of
such Slave or Slaves to whom the Sheriff is to give Speedy
notice if known shall make full Satisfaction to the said Sheriff
for the Sum of money certified to the Sheriff that he has been
paid out of the publick Stock for taking up such Runaway Slaves
together with Ten Shillings Current money a fee hereby allowed
the Commissioner and for his trouble on such Runaway
Slaves so brought before him all which Sums of money
received by the Sheriff as aforesaid shall be by him immediately
paid to the aforesaid Commissioner to make good the publick
Stock so far as has been disbursed out of it of all which Sums
of money received or disbursed by the said Commissioner
according to the directions of this Act he is hereby required
to keep a fair Account to be laid before the General Assembly
of this province as often as need shall require and to be

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