

entitled, An act to prevent the tumultuous meeting and other irregularities of negroes and other slaves, and directing the manner of trying slaves, the said justices shall pass sentence of death only, or they may, in their discretion, adjudge such slave to serve and labour for such time as they may think proper, not exceeding fourteen years for the same crime, on the public roads of Baltimore county, or in making, repairing, or cleaning the streets or basin of Baltimore-town; and if any slave shall be adjudged to serve and labour agreeably to this act, or if any servant shall be so adjudged for any offence not punishable with death, the said justices shall, immediately on conviction and condemnation, value such slave, or the time of such servant, and enter the same in their proceedings, and such value shall be assessed and collected with the county assessment, and paid to the owner of such slave or servant; and if any slave or servant adjudged to serve and labour according to this act shall survive his time of conviction, such slave or servant shall, immediately on the expiration thereof, be sold at auction by the 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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XLIV.

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 there-
for, &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 com-
mitted for
thirty days, to
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 concu-
rent jurisdic-
tion, &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 the governor and the council be requested to discharge or remit no penalty, fine or forfeiture, or forfeited recognizance, unless on condition that the fees on the said forfeited recognizance, and on the prosecution in which the forfeiture shall be incurred, be paid.

Governor, &c.
not to dis-
charge, &c.

XX. **And be it enacted,** That any person presented or indicted may submit to the court, and shall not be compelled to the expences of a trial by jury; provided that such submission shall always be deemed so far an admission of the

Persons pre-
sented may
submit, &c.