

pay the sum of ten pounds current money, to be recovered by action of debt, one half to the informer, or by bill of indictment in any county court within this state.

C H A P. LXXIII.

III. And be it enacted, That if any slave shall whip and beat the water in the said river as aforesaid, such slave shall be punished for every such offence, on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace by the oath of one or more credible witness or witnesses, by whipping on his back, in the discretion of the said justice, not exceeding, for each offence, the number of ten lashes: Provided always, that the master or mistress of said slave, or any other person, may redeem said slave, so convicted, from said punishment, by the payment of five pounds current money, one half to the informer, the other half to be paid to the said justice, for the use of the county: And provided, that if such slave shall act as aforesaid by the order of his owner or employer, he shall not be subject to whipping as aforesaid, but the owner or employer giving the order, shall be subject to the said penalty of ten pounds, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Slaves to be punished for whipping the water, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That every justice of the peace shall, at the levy court of his county, account for all sums of money received by virtue of this act, under the penalty of fifty pounds current money.

Justices to account, &c.

V. This act to commence on the first day of March next, and to continue in full force for three years, and until the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

Commencement, &c.

C H A P. LXXIV.

1791. Ch. 67. page 55.

A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act regulating the mode of staying execution, and for repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

Passed December 23.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That execution may be issued on any judgment or decree rendered or to be rendered in any court of law or equity, or orphans court, or by any single magistrate, in this state, at any time within two months from the time of the rendition of such judgment or decree, any thing in the said act to which this is a supplement to the contrary notwithstanding, provided such judgment or decree shall not have been superseded agreeably to the directions of the said act.

Execution may be issued, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That the clerk or register of the court out of which any execution shall issue, shall endorse on such execution the day on which the judgment or decree, on which such execution shall issue, shall have been rendered, but the omission of such endorsement shall be no cause to set aside such execution; and the judge, justice or justices, before whom any supersedeas shall be taken, shall give a certificate thereof, expressing the names of the plaintiff and defendants, the court in which, and the sum for which the judgment or decree was rendered, and the time of entering into the supersedeas, and if it shall appear that such supersedeas was not entered into within two months from the time of the rendition of the judgment or decree, no execution shall be stayed thereby.

And shall be endorsed, &c.

C H A P. LXXV.

An ACT in favour of the president and directors of the Patowmack company and the commissioners of the federal buildings.

Passed December 23.

WHEREAS the president and directors of the Patowmack company, and the commissioners of the federal buildings, by their petition to this general assembly, setting forth, that the labour of the Patowmack company is best performed by negro slaves, that it is highly expedient that the labourers should be frequently removed from one side of the river to the other, as the work cannot, with convenience, be effected by distinct sets of labourers for each side of the river, and that a great deal of labour will be necessary in the city of Washington, and the masters of slaves in each state, as well as the public, may reap considerable benefit from the privilege of taking them from either state,

Preamble.