

CHAP. 206.

Copy of this act to be transmitted to governor of Virginia, &c.

No appointment of commissioners to be made unless a similar law is passed by state of Virginia.

4. *And be it enacted*, That the governor of this state be requested to transmit without delay, to the governor of Virginia, a copy of this act, in order to its being laid before the legislature of that commonwealth, and at the same time to communicate the wish of this general assembly that a similar act may be passed by the general assembly of Virginia.

5. *And be it enacted*, That the appointment of commissioners required by this act shall not be made until the legislature of Virginia shall pass a law with provisions similar to those contained in this act.

CHAPTER 207.

Passed Feb 19 1819

An act for the support of Patsey Gardner, and others, of Anne-Arundel county.

Levy authorised for support of certain persons.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the levy court of Anne-Arundel county, be and they hereby are directed and empowered, at their levy court annually, so long as they shall see cause, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money not exceeding thirty dollars each, for the support and maintenance of the said Patsey Gardner, Joanna Pierce, and Hannah Jones, and that the same be collected annually, by the collector of Anne-Arundel county, and paid to said Patsey Gardner, Joanna Pierce, and Hannah Jones, or their order, by the collector of said county.

CHAPTER 208.

Passed Feb 19 1819

An act to prohibit Sheriffs from receiving Negro Slaves into the Public Gaols of this State, except when committed by due course of Law.

Not lawful to receive any negro into gaol unless committed in due course of law.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be lawful for the sheriffs of any county in this state to receive into the public gaol any negro slave, unless committed in due course of law.

Penalty on sheriffs for receiving any such.

2. *And be it enacted*, That if any sheriff shall after the first day of April next, receive any slave into the public gaol of his county, except when committed as aforesaid, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars current money for every offence, to be recovered by bill of indictment, or action of debt, in the county court where such sheriff may reside, one half for the use of the county, the other half to the informer who shall present or sue for the same.

Persons not engaged in traffic of buying and selling slaves are not prevented from having them committed.

3. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to prohibit or prevent the owner of a slave, who is a person not engaged in the traffic of buying and selling slaves, from having any slave committed to gaol, and supported there at his expense.

CHAPTER 209.

Passed Feb 19 1819

An act relating to Justices of the Peace in the City of Baltimore.

One justice at least to be appointed for each ward.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of May next, there shall be appointed and commissioned, for each ward in the city of Baltimore, at least