

**Dec. Ses. 1822** changed and confirmed to the surname of Cropper, and the issue of  
 the said James Cropper, alias James M<sup>c</sup>Collister, born or hereafter  
 to be born, shall at all times hereafter be called by, and hold and use  
 the name of Cropper, and be from henceforth called by the surname  
 of Cropper.

**Confirmation** 2. *And be it enacted*, That all securities, premises, contracts, as-  
 surances, deeds and lawful acts, especially those as justice of the  
 peace, whatsoever heretofore made and done, or hereafter to be made  
 and done, by or to the said James Cropper, alias James M<sup>c</sup>Collister,  
 by the name of James Cropper, shall be of the same force and effect,  
 and equally avail, to all intents and purposes, as if the name of James  
 Cropper had been the true and proper name of James Cropper, alias  
 James M<sup>c</sup>Collister from his birth, any law, statute, or custom to the  
 contrary notwithstanding.

## CHAPTER 115.

**Passed Feb**  
**6, 1823.**  
**Slaves at**  
**large.**

*A further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prevent the inconve-  
 niences arising from slaves being permitted to act as free.*

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That  
 from and after the first day of October, in the year one thousand  
 eight hundred and twenty-three, it shall be the duty of the constables  
 in Somerset and Queen Ann's counties, to arrest and bring before a  
 justice of the peace, any slave or slaves, who may be going at large  
 and hiring him, her, or themselves, within their respective hundreds,  
 or who may not have a fixed home in the family, or on the estate of  
 his, her, or their owner, or be hired to and in the regular employ of  
 another person by virtue of a contract, in writing, with his, her, or  
 their owner.

**May be hired**  
**out.**

2. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where a slave or slaves shall  
 or may be brought before any justice of the peace, under the provi-  
 sions of the first section of this act, if it appear to the satisfaction of  
 the said justice of the peace, that said slave or slaves so arrested and  
 brought before him, were going at large in violation of an act of as-  
 sembly passed at April session, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven,  
 entitled, An act to prevent the inconveniences arising from slaves be-  
 ing permitted to act as free, and the supplements thereto, or of this  
 act, he shall forthwith issue an order to the constable who shall or  
 may have brought the said slave or slaves before him, to hire such  
 slave or slaves for the entire balance of the year in which they may  
 have been arrested; and for each examination of slaves had before  
 him, under this act, a justice of the peace shall be entitled to twenty-  
 five cents, to be levied on the county as part of the county charges  
 for the ensuing year.

**Account.**

3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the constable to  
 keep an account of the slaves by them respectively hired out, and the  
 amount of the hire for each received, to be submitted to the levy court,  
 at its first session in the year after such proceedings may have been  
 had under this act, and the amount so returned to be accounted for  
 by the constable to the levy court, for the use and benefit of the  
 county.

**Compensa-  
 tion.**

4. *And be it enacted*, That the levy courts of Somerset and Queen  
 Ann's counties, in this state, be, and they are hereby authorised  
 to levy and allow to any constable, who may have taken up and hired  
 out a slave or slaves under this act, two dollars for each and every  
 slave so taken up and hired out; *Provided*, that in no instances such