

persons, convicted as aforesaid, in any sum not exceeding — dollars, seven eighth parts whereof shall be for the use of the heirs or legal representatives of the party so killed as aforesaid, the residue for the use of such person as shall sue for the same.

X. **And be it enacted,** That all claims to dispensation from punishment by benefit of clergy, (in as much as they are incompatible with the principles of strict justice,) shall be and hereby are for ever abolished; and every person convicted of any felony, heretofore deemed clergyable, shall undergo an imprisonment at hard labour and solitary confinement in the gaol and penitentiary-house aforesaid, for any time not less than — months, and not more than — years, and shall be fed, cloathed, treated and dealt with, as is herein after directed, except in those cases where some other specific penalty is prescribed by this act.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That if any person convicted of any crime, which by any law or statute now in force in this state was capital, or a felony of death, without benefit of clergy, shall commit any such offence a second time, and be thereof legally convicted, he or she shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment in the gaol and penitentiary-house aforesaid, at hard labour during life, and shall be confined in the solitary cells thereof, at such times and in such manner as the inspectors of said gaol shall direct; and if any person sentenced to hard labour and solitary confinement by virtue of this or any subsequent act, shall escape, or be pardoned, and after his or her escape or pardon shall be guilty of any such offence, as by any law or statute now in force in this state was capital, or a felony of death, without benefit of clergy, such person shall be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment for the term of — years in the gaol and penitentiary-house aforesaid, at hard labour and solitary confinement, and shall be confined in the solitary cells thereof, at the discretion of the inspectors of said gaol, and shall be fed, cloathed, treated and dealt with, in the manner herein after directed.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That if any person shall hereafter be convicted of any crime committed before the passing of this act, he or she shall be sentenced to undergo such pains and punishment as by the laws now in force are prescribed and directed, unless such convict shall openly pray the court before whom such conviction shall be had, that sentence may be pronounced agreeably to the provisions of this act for the like offence, in which case the said court shall comply with the said prayer, and pass such sentence on such convict as they would have passed had the said offence been committed subsequent to the passing of this act.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That every person convicted in any county in this state other than Baltimore county, of any felony or felonies, for which he or she