

the building and finishing the new Court-House, to be built at or near the said Williams's old Field, as aforesaid, and the Records removed, as aforesaid) to make Sale of the said old Court-House and Prison, with the Land thereto belonging, to the best Purchaser or Purchasers, and to convey an Estate thereof in Fee-Simple, to them, their Heirs and Assigns for ever. And that the Money or Tobacco that shall arise by the Sale thereof, shall be applied to the Use of the County, towards defraying the Charge thereof; any Law, Statute, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

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An Act to encourage the Takers up of run-away Slaves, that shall be taken up by any Person and brought in from the Back-Woods:

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1727, p. 280]

Whereas sundry of the Slaves belonging to several of the Inhabitants of this Province, have of late Years runaway into the Back-Woods, some of which have there perished, and others who held it out (as to their Lives) have been entertained and encouraged to live and inhabit with the Shewan-Indians; And forasmuch as many Negroes (upon hearing the Success some of their Fellow-Slaves have met with) are daily making Attempts to go the same Way, which if not timely and effectually prevented, may be of very ill and fatal Consequences to the Inhabitants of this Province: For Prevention whereof, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted,

And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietor of this Province, by and with the Advice and Consent of His Lordship's Governour, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That any Person whatsoever, either Indian or others, that shall take up any Run-away Slave (already run away, or that shall hereafter run away) in any Part of the back Woods, to the Northwestward of Monocacy River, from the Mouth thereof up the said River, to the fording Place where the Conestogo-Path crosses the same, near one Albine's Plantation, and then to the Northwestward of the said Conestogo-Path, until it meet with Susquehannah-River, and by them shall be brought in and delivered to the Person to be appointed and commission'd (according to the Directions of this Act) to receive such Run-away Negroe, shall be paid by the said Commissioner, as a Reward for each Run-away Slave taken up, brought in, and delivered as aforesaid, the Sum of Five Pounds Current Money.

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And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and, Consent aforesaid, That such Person as the Governour of this Province for the Time being, with the Advice of his Lordship's Council of State, shall think fit to appoint and commission for that End, be and is hereby authorized, impowered and required to receive all Run-away Slaves, from such Person or Persons as shall take them up in the Back-Woods as aforementioned, and shall immediately