

as aforesaid, for the recovery of small debts, due and owing to citizens of Annapolis.

No justice or constable in A. A. county to have jurisdiction over residents in Annapolis.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no justice of the peace or constables residing in Anne Arundel county, shall have jurisdiction over the persons of citizens of Annapolis, whilst within the limits of said county, by issuing or serving warrants, or *capias ad satisfaciendum*, against citizens as aforesaid, for the recovery of small debts, due and owing to persons inhabitants of Anne Arundel county.

METHODIST CAMP MEETINGS.

1817, ch. 166; 1820, ch. 83, merged in 1824, ch. 53, ante page 803.

NEGROES.

AN ACT for the better protection of Slaveholders in the several Counties therein mentioned.—1817, ch. 227.

No retailer to suffer negroes in his house after sunset.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any licensed retailer or retailers in Calvert county, Anne Arundel county, and St. Mary's county, or for any person or persons residing in either of those counties, accustomed to make and sell distilled spirits, or other liquors, to suffer any free negro or mulatto, or any negro or mulatto servant or slave, to be in his, her, or their store-house, or other house wherein he, she or they may be accustomed to sell distilled spirits, or other liquors, between sunset in the evening, and sunrise of the succeeding morning; *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to extend to the case of such aforesaid servant or slave, as shall have a written order or license for that purpose, from his master, mistress, overseer, or other person in whose employment he may actually be, with the consent of his owner or owners.

PROVISO.

Penalty for so doing.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall suffer or permit any negro or mulatto to be in his, her, or their house, contrary to the provisions of this law, the person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, the sum of fifty dollars, the one-half to the informer, and the other half to the said county, in case such negro or mulatto was free, and the one-half to the informer, and the other half to the master, mistress or owner, in case such negro or mulatto was a servant or slave at the time the offence was committed, to be adjudged and recovered, on indictment and conviction, or confession of the party accused, in the county court of the said counties.

If unable to pay may be confined in goal.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if on the conviction aforesaid, the person or persons so convicted, shall fail or be unable to pay the fine aforesaid, the county court shall, in their discretion, order the said person or persons so convicted, to be confined in