

Justice, on application, to issue an order, &c.

authorized and required, upon the application of the mother of any illegitimate child, or any other person or persons to whose custody such child may have been committed to be maintained, verified by the oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, of such mother or other person, that he, she or they, have not received any sum or sums of money from such father, or either of his securities, his or their, or either of their heirs, executors or administrators, for the use or maintenance of such child, more than credit given, to issue an order, requiring such father, his security or securities, his or their heirs, executors or administrators, to pay to the mother, or other person who shall have the custody of the said child, such a sum of money as may appear adequate for the maintenance of such child, not exceeding thirty dollars per annum, until the said child shall arrive to the age of seven years; and upon proof of the service of such order upon the person or persons to whom the same might have been directed, and demand of payment thereof, and that the money thereon due is unpaid, the clerk of the county court in which the recognizance of such father may be filed, is hereby authorized and empowered forthwith to issue a scire facias on such recognizance, for the use of such mother, or other person entitled as aforesaid, and thereupon such proceedings shall be had as shall bring the matter in dispute fairly to trial at the next term thereafter, without any *importance** or delay.

* So in the record.

CHAPTER 43.

AN ACT for the better Administration of Justice in the several counties of this state.

Repealed by 1801, ch. 74.

CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT relating to Negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

Supplements, 1797, ch. 15; 1798, ch. 76.

Other laws are 1802, ch. 68; 1804, ch. 89, 90; 1805, ch. 66; 1806, ch. 81; 1807, ch. 164; 1809, ch. 171; 1812, ch. 76; 1813, ch. 56; 1817, ch. 104, 112; 1819, ch. 159; 1820, ch. 88; 1821, ch. 240; 1823, ch. 87; 1824, ch. 85, 171; 1828, ch. 98; 1831, ch. 185, 281, 323; 1832, ch. 40, 145, 296, 316, 317; 1833, ch. 17, 87, 111, 224, 274, 284; 1834, ch. 75, 124, 160, 161, 197, 266, 284; 1835, ch. 61, 326, 329; 1836, ch. 150; 1837, ch. 23, 275.

Negroes not to be imported, &c.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall not be lawful, from and after the passing of this act, to import or bring into this state, by land or water, any negro, mulatto or other slave, for sale, or to reside within this state; and any person brought into this state as a slave contrary to this act, if a slave before, shall thereupon immediately cease to be