

shall sell all transfer tobacco which shall not be so received and marked, on the second day of holding the county courts in each county respectively on each shore, if fair, if not, on the first fair day thereafter, by public auction, in single hogsheads, and not otherwise, and shall pay the money arising from such sale at the average price of the sale of tobacco belonging to each house, in satisfaction of their notes from time to time to the proprietors thereof making their demand, under the same penalty as is prescribed for not paying inspectors' notes.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all transfer tobacco, when prized in hogsheads, shall be subject to the same charges for inspection and otherwise, as crop tobacco is subject to.

Transfer tobacco subject to same charges as crop.
Persons owning tobacco found unmerchanted, permitted to take the same away.

SEC. 4. *And*, whereas doubts have arisen as to the legality of the inspectors permitting persons who may offer tobacco in hogsheads at the respective warehouses which may be refused, to carry the same so refused from the warehouse at which it shall have been offered, and it appearing reasonable that such indulgence should be given to every person thus circumstanced, *Be it enacted*, That in case any person shall hereafter offer at any warehouse for inspection, any tobacco in hogsheads, and the same shall be found by the inspector to be unmerchanted, it shall and may be lawful for such inspector to permit the person owing such tobacco to take away the same from the said warehouse for the purpose of altering the condition thereof, or otherwise.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force for the same term of the continuance of the act to which this is a further supplement: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained, so far as relates to transfer tobacco, shall extend, or be construed to extend, to St. Mary's county, any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Duration.
Proviso.

I cannot find that the law has been repealed;—continued to 1805, and since by the annual continuing acts.

CHAPTER 90.

A further SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, * entitled, an Act relating to Negroes, * 1796, ch. 67. and to repeal the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.

See notes to the original law, ante page 334.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person shall apply, by petition in writing, to the county court of the county wherein such person shall reside, setting forth, that any negro or mulatto, to whose services he was or is entitled for a limited time or number of years, has run away or departed from the service of such person, during such time of servitude, it shall be lawful for such court, on being satisfied of the truth of the facts set forth in such petition, and that such

Negroes entitled to freedom, and running away, to serve out the length of time they have been absent.