

to the payment of the costs which shall have accrued in such prosecution; provided, that nothing in this act shall extend to prevent any free negro or mulatto from carrying a gun, or other offensive weapon, who shall, at the time of his carrying the same, have a certificate from a justice of the peace, that he is an orderly and peaceable person, which certificate shall be in force for one year from the date thereof, and no longer.

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III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the constable of every hundred to repair once a month, and oftener if information be given him of tumultuous meetings of mulattoes, negroes or slaves, to all suspected places within his hundred, and if he shall find any mulatto or negro, not a slave, at any such meeting, it shall be the duty of the constable forthwith to carry such mulatto or negro, so offending, before some magistrate of the county, who shall thereupon commit such person to the common gaol, unless he or she shall enter into a recognizance, with such security as said justice shall require, for his or her good behaviour, and also to appear before the next county court, to answer for such offence in such manner as is prescribed by law for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors within this state, and if such person shall be found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this act, he shall be fined, or imprisoned, for such offence, at the discretion of the court; and if such constable shall find at any such meeting as aforesaid, any slave besides those belonging to the owner of such place, not having permission in writing from his owner or overseer, it shall be lawful for the constable, and he is hereby authorised and required, to whip every such slave, at his discretion, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes.

Constable to visit suspected places, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any constable shall be entitled to receive the allowance granted by the fourth section of the act, entitled, An act to prevent the tumultuous meetings and other irregularities of negroes and other slaves, he shall produce a certificate from at least two respectable citizens of his hundred, of his industry and fidelity in the discharge of his duty under this act and the act above recited.

He must produce a certificate, &c.

V. AND, for a further encouragement to take up runaways, BE IT ENACTED, That in lieu of two hundred pounds of tobacco, allowed by the act, entitled, An act relating to servants and slaves, any person seizing and taking up such runaways, shall have and receive six dollars.

Allowance for taking up runaways, &c.

C H A P. LXXXII.

An ACT authorising a lottery in the city of Baltimore to raise a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

Passed 4th of Jan. 1807.

WHEREAS a petition has been presented to this general assembly from sundry inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, praying that a law may pass to enable them to raise, by way of lottery, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, for the use of the Trinity church, of the episcopal order and denomination, now building in said city, and to enable them to purchase a burying-ground, and to defray other incidental expences, which they apprehend their funds may be insufficient to discharge; and the prayer of the said petition appearing reasonable; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That William Slater, Edward Ireland, Stephen Calder, William Price, Joseph Allender, William M'Mechen and Alexander M'Kim, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of framing a scheme, to raise, by lottery, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be applied by the said commissioners in the completion of the Trinity church, of the episcopal order and denomination, now building in that city by voluntary contributions, and for the purchase of a burial-ground, and such other general purposes as may appear to the said commissioners necessary and useful in the fulfilment of the trust hereby reposed in them.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said commissioners are hereby authorised to appoint managers for conducting and drawing the said lottery, and that previous to their acting as such, they shall give bond to the mayor and city council of the city of Baltimore, with good and sufficient security, for the faithful performance of their trust, which bond shall be lodged in the mayor's office, in such sum as to the mayor and city council may be adequate for that purpose.

Who may appoint managers, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the aforesaid commissioners, or any of them, or any person authorised by them, shall have full power and authority to sell and dispose of tickets in the said lottery, either in the city of Baltimore or any other part of this state, without paying any tax to the corporation of the city of Baltimore therefor, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

And dispose of tickets, &c.