

5. Any free negro, begetting such child, shall become a servant for 7 years.—*ibid.* § 27.

5. Any white man begetting any negro woman with child, (whether free woman or servant) shall undergo the same penalties as white women.—*ibid.* § 28.

6. These times of servitude (by art. 3, 4, 5.) shall be disposed of by the county court; and the produce appropriated towards defraying the county charge.—*ibid.*

7. No negro, or other slave, shall be permitted to carry guns or other offensive weapons, from off their master's land, without leave: and any slave presuming so to do, may be carried before a magistrate, and whipped; and the gun or other weapon shall be forfeited to the person seizing the same.—*ibid.* § 33.

8. No negro or mulatto slave, free negro, or mulatto born of a white woman, during the time of servitude by law, shall be received as evidence in any cause wherein any christian white person is concerned.—1717, c. 13, § 2.

9. Yet where other sufficient evidence is wanting, they may be admitted at the discretion of the court, as evidence against any negro, or mulatto, slave, free negro, or mulatto, born of a white woman, during the time of her servitude by law, where such testimony doth not extend to deprivation of life or member.—*ibid.* § 3. (*But see art. 29, 30, 31.*)

10. For preventing the concealing of capital crimes committed by slaves, and the conveying them away from justice by their owners: where any negro or mulatto slave, or mulatto born of a white woman, during the time of servitude by law, or *Indian* slave, shall be capitally convicted, the court shall immediately value such negro, &c. and three fourths of such value shall be paid to the owner out of the public levy.—*ibid.* § 4. (*but see below, art. 26, 32. And 35, whereby the full value shall be paid to the owner.*)

11. To prevent charges to the owners of slaves, by trials in the county courts, any slave charged with pilfering or stealing, may be brought before a single magistrate; who on proof thereof, may award such punishment by whipping, according to the nature of the crime, as he shall think fit, not exceeding forty lashes.—*ibid.* § 6.

12, 13. For preventing the tumultuous meetings, &c. of slaves, the several county courts are required, yearly, in *November* court, to appoint the constable of every hundred, where they think it expedient, to suppress the tumultuous assembling of slaves; and every constable, so appointed, shall repair once a month, to all suspected places within his hundred;