

Liber B.L.C. or other Inclosure, and the Owner be not known, that then, and in all such Cases, it shall and may be lawful for the Party grieved to take up such Horse, Mare or Gelding so trespassing, and the same to carry before the next Magistrate, who shall be obliged to take an Account of the Marks of such Beasts, both natural and artificial, which the Persons aggrieved shall set up in the most public Places in the same County; and until the Owner shall be known, it shall and may be lawful for such injured Person to use and employ such Horses, Mares and Geldings, without incurring the Penalties in this Act herein after imposed, not injuring such Beast by any careless or wilful Means; which Beast shall be delivered in good Order to the Person owning the same, proving his Property by the Testimony of one Witness, before any Magistrate." Which Method by Experience is found inconvenient to the Owner or Owners of such Horses, Mares or Geldings, they being very often kept for a considerable Time in the Possession of the Party by whom such Horse, Mare or Gelding are taken up, before the same comes to the Knowledge of the Owner of such Horse, Mare or Gelding: For Prevention whereof,

[Accounts of Strays to be set up in public Places.]

Be it Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, the Party grieved, who shall take up such Horse, Mare or Gelding, trespassing as aforesaid, shall be, and is hereby obliged and directed to set up such Account, so taken by the Magistrate as aforesaid, describing the Marks of such Beasts, both natural and artificial, at the Court-House Door, and other public Places, in the County where such Horse, Mare or Gelding shall be taken up, within five Days after such Account taken; and moreover cause the Marks natural and artificial of such Horse, Mare or Gelding, to be recorded amongst the Records of such County Court, within five Days after such Account shall be taken; and cause the same to be published in the Maryland Gazette, in six Months after such Account shall be taken, and the Expences arising thereon shall be paid by the Owner or Owners of such Horse, Mare or Gelding, at the Time of his receiving any such Horse, Mare or Gelding; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

[Concerning Persons now possessed of Strays.]

And be it also Enacted, That if any Person within this Province shall now have in his or her Possession any such Horse, Mare or Gelding, so taken up as aforesaid, he or she shall be, and is hereby obliged and directed, within sixty Days after the End of this Session of Assembly, to set up an Account of such Horse, Mare or Gelding, taken by some Magistrate as aforesaid, describing the