

ing of a slave, felony, and punishes him by sale or stripes, and which prescribes a punishment upon such persons as shall persuade or entice any slave to abscond from his lawful owner.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. In force.

CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article eight of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to the powers of the President and Commissioners of the village of Port Deposit. Passed Feb. 21, 1867.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following new section be added to Article eight of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to the powers of the President and Commissioners of the village of Port Deposit, to come in after section one hundred and sixty-four of said Article eight of the Public Local Laws: New Section.

The said President and Commissioners shall have power to change the course of the stream known as Middletown Run and straighten the same so that it shall cross the western edge of Main street in said village, between the stable on the lot now occupied by William Parker and the house upon the lot of C. W. Knight, and thence by a straight line to the Susquehanna River, and in case they shall fail to agree with the persons through whose property the said stream, when its course shall be changed, shall run, or if such owner shall be incompetent to contract then the land necessary for said stream may be condemned as provided in section one hundred and fifty-eight of said Article, and shall have full power to make culverts under the streets to convey the water into the river in any part of the village, and levy a tax on the assessable property and collect the same as Power and privileges.