

CHAP. 63. of the county court to whom the said record shall be transmitted, shall hear and determine the same in like manner as if the same had originally been brought or filed therein.

Record may also be transmitted to county where owner resides.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any petitions for freedom have or may be filed hereafter in any county court of this state, or in the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, (a) by any petitioner who was or shall be in the county where the said petition was or may be filed by permission of his or her owner, which said owner was or shall not be an actual resident of the county where the said petition was or may be filed, at the time when the same was or may be filed, the said county court, or court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, are hereby authorised and required, upon suggestion in writing, supported by competent testimony, that the person thus claiming to be the owner of the said petitioner had actually held the said petitioner in bondage, and that the said petitioner was in the county where the said petition has been or may be filed by the permission of his owner, and that the said owner is not, or was not, an actual resident of the county where and when the said petition was or may be filed, to permit the said owner to appear and defend the said action, and to order and direct the record of the proceedings on such petition to be transmitted to the court of the county where the said owner resided at the time when the said petition was or may be filed, and the judges of the county court to whom the said record shall be transmitted, shall hear and determine the same in like manner as if such petition had originally been filed therein.

(a) See note to section 2.

CHAP. LXIV.

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*An Act to confirm a Road in Harford and Baltimore Counties therein mentioned.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 504.

Supplements, ch. 91; 1811, ch. 4; and November 1812, ch. 54.

Preamble.

WHEREAS by a resolution of the general assembly of Maryland, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and nine, William C. Goldsmith, Abraham Cole, John S. Belt, John Clendennen and William Whiteford, were appointed to examine the situation of the neighbourhood lying between Slade's tavern, in Baltimore county, and the upper cross roads in Harford county, and report to the next general assembly whether a road commencing at or near Thomas Hope's, and thence running until it intersects the road leading from Slade's tavern to Cromwell's bridge, would, if opened and laid out, be conducive to the public convenience, and if they should be of opinion it would be proper to open the said road, that they should make a location of the same, and return it with their proceedings to the next general assembly: And whereas the said commissioners did, in pursuance of the authority vested in them by the said resolution, take into consideration the situation of the neighbourhood, and were unanimously of opinion that the public convenience required that a road should be opened in the place contemplated by the said resolution, and having located the same have made return thereof to this general assembly, under their hands and seals: And whereas this general assembly are willing to promote the public convenience, therefore,