

CHAP. XC.

A Further Supplement to an act.* entitled, An act relating to Negroes, and to repeal the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 675.

CHAP. 96.

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* 1796, ch. 67.

Other supplements, 1805, ch. 66; 1807, ch. 164; 1810, ch. 15, ch. 63; Nov. 1812, ch. 76. See also 1801, ch. 109; 1802, ch. 68, ch. 96; 1804, ch. 89; 1805, ch. 80; 1806, ch. 81; 1808, ch. 81; Dec. 1813, ch. 56; 1814, ch. 92, and 1817, ch. 112.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person shall apply, by petition in writing, to the county court of the county wherein such person shall reside, setting forth, that any negro or mulatto, to whose services he was or is entitled for a limited time or number of years, has run away or departed from the service of such person, during such time of servitude, it shall be lawful for such court, on being satisfied of the truth of the facts set forth in such petition, and that such departure from service hath not been caused by the ill treatment or misconduct of the petitioner, or person under whom he or she claims, to adjudge such negro or mulatto to serve the person petitioning, or his lawful assigns, such length of time after such negro or mulatto would have been entitled to freedom, or for such length of time after the date of the judgment, as justice and equity may require, and as the court under all circumstances, shall think reasonable; *Provided*, that no negro or mulatto so adjudged, shall be liable to be sold or assigned to any person residing out of this state.

Negroes entitled to freedom, and running away, to serve out the length of time they have been absent.

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An Act to incorporate a Company to make a Turnpike Road to lead from the Cross Roads near Richard Caton's Limekiln, in Baltimore County, nearly in the direction of Jones's Falls to the City of Baltimore. Lib. JG. No. 4, fol. 676.

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Supplements, 1805, ch. 48, ch. 105, and 1816, ch. 115. See 1808, ch. 69, & Nov. 1812, ch. 152.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, that the inhabitants of Jones's Falls are not accommodated with a good road, affording an easy transportation for their produce to the city of Baltimore, and that a turnpike road would greatly add to the interests of the farmers generally; therefore,

Preamble.

2. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a company shall be incorporated for making a turnpike road for the accommodation of the inhabitants on Jones's Falls and the country adjacent, to be called The Falls Turnpike Road, and the following persons, to wit, John Taggart, William Clemm, senior, John Hosselbach, George Grundy and Edward Johnson, are nominated and appointed commissioners to mark and lay off the said road on or near the stream of Jones's Falls, beginning for the same at the ford by Messieurs Patterson and Stricker's mill, and running thence northerly on and as near to the said Falls as may be found practicable for a good road, passing over the Bane Hills, to the westward of Benjamin Bowen's house, until it reaches the bend, running westerly on or near to the land of Job Hunt, and from thence to the cross roads by the limekiln of Richard Caton; and the said road shall be laid off sixty feet wide, including a ditch on each side; and the said commissioners, in laying off the said road, shall not pass through any orchard, garden, meadow or grain field, whilst the

Company incorporated—direction of road—capital—subscriptions.