

CHAP. 133. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any swine belonging to any person or persons without the limits of the said village of Hillsborough, or kept and owned by persons living on lots or farms without the limits of the said village, shall go within the limits of the said village, and there commit any damage whatsoever, the party or parties who shall receive such damage, shall have power to take up and impound such swine, and in their own custody safe keep them until the damage shall have been fully satisfied with the expense of keeping said swine, which damage shall be ascertained by three persons chosen, as follows: each party shall have a right to choose one person, but if upon neglect or refusal of either party, the other party shall have a right to choose both of the said referees, and in case of disagreement of the two referees, they the said referees shall have a right to choose a third, who shall be free holders, and who shall ascertain the same.

Impound swine, &c

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of any person who shall by virtue of this act take up any swine, to advertise the same at least fifteen days at the store doors of the said village, and at the methodist meeting house near the said village, and at the end of the said fifteen days, if no person or persons shall come and claim the same, prove property, pay damages and cost of keeping, the said person having them in possession, shall be, and he, her or they are hereby authorised to sell the same at public sale for the purposes aforesaid, and apply the proceeds to the payment of the damage and cost aforesaid, and the overplus, if any, shall be returned to the owner or owners, when the same shall be ascertained.

CHAPTER 134.

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A supplement to the act, entitled an act, for draining a branch or swamp, called Beetree Swamp, lying and being in Caroline County, passed December Session, eighteen hundred and twelve.

Preamble

WHEREAS it is represented to this General Assembly, That the above recited act, in its provisions falls short of effecting the object which was intended by the said act, in consequence of there being no provision therein contained, authorising the commissioners therein named, (in case of the neglect or refusal of the party or parties through the land of which the said ditch shall or may run,) not being authorised to employ hands to do the necessary labor of opening and keeping clear such parts of the said ditch, as runs through the land of such person or persons as do neglect or refuse to do the same, and to charge the expense of wages, accommodation and implements to the said delinquent.