

## CHAPTER 332.

Passed March 10, 1864. AN ACT to authorize the Judge of the Eighth

Judicial Circuit of Maryland to assess the value of a negro man called Bob Jones, convicted in the Circuit Court for Somerset county, as free, and afterwards ascertained to be a slave, and for the levy, by the Commissioners of Somerset county, of such assessment to his master.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, at the April term of the Circuit Court for Somerset County, a certain negro, called Bob Jones, was indicted in said court as a free man, for the crime of murder, and was convicted and sentenced to be executed for said crime, and it was afterwards ascertained that said negro was not free, but was the slave of Cornelius Fletcher Barnes, of Baltimore county, who immediately established his claim and ownership to said negro, but the record not showing his title, the court could not regard his application to have his value assessed.

To assess value

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Judge of the Circuit Court for Somerset county, immediately on the passage of this act, shall and may assess the value of said negro, Bob Jones, mentioned in the preamble of this act, as of the date of his said conviction; and that such assessment shall be by order passed and filed in said cause, wherein said negro was convicted, reciting the authority under which the same is done, which assessment so found and made by the court shall be levied to the owner of said slave by the County Commissioners, as other assessments of like character are made.