

of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, to be there recorded.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the day of the passage thereof. In force.

CHAPTER 128.

AN ACT to amend section thirty-seven of Article sixty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Negroes, relating to the escape of slaves by their being transported on railroads, steamboats and other vessels. Passed March 4, 1862.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section thirty-seven of Article sixty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Negroes, be amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows: Amended.

37. If any slave shall escape from his owner by being transported on any such railroad, steamboat, towboat or other vessel, the master or owner of such slave shall and may recover the value of such slave from the President, Directors and Company of such railroad, or the owner and Captain of such steamboat, towboat or other vessel (as the case may be), by action of debt in any of the courts of law in this State; *provided*, that the provisions of this section and of the next preceding section shall not be construed to extend to any slave travelling in company with his master or owner, or the agent of such master or owner, or as the servant or attendant of any white person to whom such slave may be *bona fide* hired by his master or owner, or by the agent of such master or owner. Escape of slaves, by way of railroads, steamboat, &c. —their value, from whom recoverable.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from the day of its passage; but shall not be construed to affect the liability of the President, Directors and Company of any railroad, or the owner and Captain of any steamboat, towboat or other vessel, for any penalty for any such offence committed before the In force. Construction.