

## CHAPTER 134.

Passed Feb. 20, 1862. AN ACT for the relief of Harriet Nelson, of Worcester county.

Preamble. WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly of Maryland, That a negro man named Noah, a slave for life, belonging to Harriet Nelson, of Worcester county, absconded from his owner into the State of Delaware; after proceeding but a short distance in said State, he voluntarily retraced his steps with the avowed purpose of returning to his owner; but on his return he was apprehended and committed to jail at Georgetown, in the State of Delaware, from which he was brought back into this State, and is now in Worcester county; *and whereas*, in the opinion of numerous slave owners, citizens of said county, the continued presence of said slave among the slave population would not be detrimental to the public interest, but from the experience he gives, rather calculated to deter his fellow slaves from absconding; therefore,

Authority to retain negro slave within the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the said Harriet Nelson, be and she is hereby authorized to retain within this State the said negro slave named Noah, as a slave for life.

In force.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after its passage.

## CHAPTER 135.

Passed March 6, 1862. AN ACT to add a new section to Article nine of the Code of Public Local Laws for Charles county, to regulate the rate of Constables fees, in said county.

Additional section.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following section be added