

more of the trustees aforesaid, that the remaining trustees, or a majority of them, shall, with all convenient speed, proceed to elect, by ballot, other discreet person or persons, and of the same religious persuasion, to be trustee or trustees to supply such vacancy or vacancies, and in like manner shall all future vacancies be supplied by said trustees and their successors, or a majority of them, so as to perpetuate the number of five persons as trustees of said institution forever.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the aforesaid trustees to furnish themselves with a book, in which they shall cause this act to be carefully transcribed, and in a fair, plain hand writing to record all and every new appointment of trustees that may hereafter take place, to be done by them and their successors forever. Record directed

CHAPTER 375.

An act entitled an act to prevent the transportation of People of Colour, upon Rail Roads or in Steam Boats. Passed April 4, 1839.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this General Assembly that the owners of slaves in this State have suffered great loss by the facilities of escape, afforded to slaves by means of Rail Roads and Steam Boats, therefore for remedy of said evil. Preamble

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be lawful for any slave to be transported on any rail road, chartered by this State, or any steamboat, tow-boat or other vessel navigating the waters of this State, without a permission in writing from the owner of such slave, under the penalty of five hundred dollars for every violation of this act, to be recovered in the name of the State, from the president, directors and company of said rail road, or the owners or captain of said steamboat, tow-boat or other vessel, as the case may be, by action of debt in any of the courts of law of this State, one half whereof shall be for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the State. Transportation of slave without a written permit, forbid. Penalty \$500

Sec. 2. *and be it enacted*, That if any slave or slaves shall escape from his or their owner or owners, by being In case of escape of a slave.