

**CHAP. 376** transported on said rail roads, or in said steamboats, tow-boats, or other vessel, the master or mistress, or other owner or owners thereof, shall and may recover the value of such slave or slaves from the president, directors and company of said rail road, or the owners and captain of said steamboat, tow-boat, or other vessel, as the case may be, by action of debt in his, her or their name or names, in any of the courts of law in this State.

Owner may recover the value

Exception

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the provisions of the first section of this act shall not be construed to extend to any slave travelling in company with his, or their master or mistress, his, her or their agent, or as the servant or attendant of any white person or persons, bonafide employed for that purpose.

### CHAPTER 376.

Passed April 5, 1839. *An act to repeal an act of December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter one hundred and seventy-one.*

Act of 1837, chap. 27, repealed

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the act, entitled, a supplement to the charter of the Tide Water Canal Company, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, chapter one hundred and seventy-one, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and that Harford county court be authorised to proceed with the trial of the inquisitions taken under the charter of said company, in the same manner as if the said supplement had not been enacted.

In case of disagreement

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in every case of disagreement between the Tide Water Canal Company and the land holders claiming damages from said company, immediately before the swearing, or affirming, of any jury of inquest of damages as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the sheriff to take and pronounce aloud, an oath in the following words, to wit: I make oath that the several persons who have been summoned to serve as jurors in this case, and whose names have just been called, are to the best of my judgment and belief, all of them upright, capable and impartial men; and not directly or indirectly interested in the result of the

Oath required of Sheriff before swearing the jury