

levy and assess on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money not exceeding three hundred dollars, which shall be paid over to the acting commissioners appointed under the authority of this act, or to their authorized agent, to be appropriated to the expenses incurred for the erection of said wharf. CHAP. 63.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted* That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, before they proceed to execute the duties herein required, shall take the following oath, before some person authorized to administer the same. I, A. B. do swear, that I will well and truly execute the trust reposed in me by authority of an act, passed December session eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, entitled an act to provide for the erection of an additional wharf in the town of Nottingham, in Prince George's county, for the shipment of Tobacco, from the public warehouse in that town. Oath prescribed

### CHAPTER 63.

*An act to provide for the recapture of fugitive Slaves.* Passed Feb. 15,  
1839.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, any negro slave who shall escape from this State into the District of Columbia, or into any of the States of this Union against the will and consent of his master or owner, with a view to escape from such servitude, shall upon sufficient evidence of such facts be deemed guilty of felony. Escape made felony

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted.* That upon conviction of the offence prescribed in the first section of this act on an indictment by the Grand Jury of the county or city from which such slave shall have escaped, the said slave shall be sold, after ten days' notice, by the sheriff of such county or city, to the highest bidder, and after deducting the necessary expenses for arrest, detention and conviction of such slave, the balance shall be delivered to the master, mistress, or owner of such slave. On conviction thereof  
Sale directed  
Proceeds to be paid over

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted.* That upon evidence of the fact of such escape afforded either by affidavit, before any person authorized to administer the same in On evidence of the fact of escape