

CHAP. 309. dred and seventy-five, and until the expiration of the session of the General Assembly which shall happen thereafter, and the State hereby reserves to itself the power to revoke this charter if at any time said bank shall refuse or neglect to pay specie for any of its notes or bills.

CHAPTER 309.

Passed *An act declaring certain felonies, and for the punishment*
Mar. 10, 1848. *of the same.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, any negro or mulatto slave who shall escape or run away from the service of his or her master, mistress or owner, against the will and consent of his or her said master, mistress or owner, with a view to escape entirely from servitude and thereby to deprive said master, mistress or owner entirely of his or her services shall, upon sufficient evidence of such fact, be guilty of felony.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the fact of the escape of any such negro or mulatto slave into any of the States or Territories of this Union, without the consent of his or her master, mistress or owner, shall be deemed conclusive evidence that such negro or mulatto slave left the service of his or her master, mistress or owner with the intention of entirely depriving said master, mistress or owner of his or her services.

SEC. 3. *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, district 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, district 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.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That upon evidence of the fact of such escape aforesaid, either by affidavit before any person authorised to administer the same in this State, or by indictment by any grand jury of this State, being furnished to the Governor of this State by

Running away
of slaves de-
clared felony.

What acts are
declared run-
ning away.

Slaves to be
sold for run-
ning away.

Governor to
demand, &c.