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LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAP. 124.

CHAPTER 124.

Passed Jan. 29, 1850. *A Supplement to an act entitled, an act respecting the Punishment of Slaves.*

Slaves may be sentenced to penitentiary

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases from and after the passage of this act, where any slave or slaves shall be convicted of any crime or offence, under any of the laws of this State, the punishment of which, when by the laws of this State, the party so convicted, shall be a slave or slaves, shall be confinement in the penitentiary, and such slave or slaves shall be sentenced by the court to confinement in the penitentiary, it shall be the duty of the said court to value the said slave or slaves, and such valuation shall be certified by them to the levy court or commissioners of the tax of the county or city, or of Howard District, as the case may be, where such slave or slaves, may or shall be tried, who shall thereupon at their next levy laying term, levy and assess upon the assessable property of said county, city or district, the amount of said valuation, payable to the order of the master, mistress or owner of said slave or slaves.

How owners are to be re-imbursed

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the purpose of re-imbursing the said county, city or district, for the value of such slave or slaves so paid for by them, it shall be the duty of the keeper or warden of the penitentiary, at the expiration of the time of service of such slave or slaves in the said penitentiary, for which such slave or slaves shall have been sentenced, to sell at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, for transportation beyond the limits of this State, such slave or slaves, and the nett proceeds of said sale, after deducting five per cent commission for his services, and the expenses of publication of notice of sale, shall be accounted for and paid over by said keeper or warden, to the levy court or commissioners of the county, city or district, from which said slave or slaves shall have been sentenced, and the official bond of said keeper or warden, shall be liable for all sums of money received under the provisions of this act, to the levy court or commissioners of the county, city or district, from which such slave or slaves shall have been sentenced as aforesaid.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.