

"Stampede Among the Slaves," Baltimore (MD) *Sun*, October 27, 1849
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STAMPEDE AMONG THE SLAVES.—*The Under Ground Railroad.*—The Wilmington (Del.) *Chicken*, of yesterday, has the following, which, added to the accounts from the Centreville (Md.) papers, before given, show that the abolitionists are again pursuing a course well calculated to excite fierce animosity against them in this State, and which can only result in injury to the slaves, by making further restrictions necessary upon them:

Since our last we have to chronicle the passage of sixteen slaves, who have made their escape through this city; eight of whom are from Kent county, in our State, and eight from near the Head of Sassafras, Md., about 20 miles from Wilmington. Some of the slaves from Kent county applied to the steamboat at Short's Landing, but were refused a passage, but afterwards made their escape up the State by land, crossing the Wilmington bridge under the very nose of the constables who were watching for them. They brought intelligence to the abolitionists here, that a few more were concealed some few miles from our city, but did not like to come in for fear of being caught. One of our most active abolitionists sent a messenger in search of them, and after looking for them for a day without effect, at last found them being conducted into the city by a man whom they had no suspicion of being an abolitionist. At the same time four more, from the Head of Sassafras, Maryland, also made their escape. A day or so after a colored man attempted to get off his wife and fami-

ly, who were slaves to Mr. George Davis, of the Head of Sassafras, Md. The brother of his wife betrayed them, and when they got about eight miles on the road they were overtaken, and they had to take to the bushes; the pursuers took after them. The man attempted to save one of his children, and ran with it on his back for some time, but at last had to abandon it to make his own escape. His wife and children were captured.

The colored man, who is free, has been working for several years with Mr. Davis, his wages being kept to pay for the freedom of his wife and family.

While Mr. Davis was in chase of the above mentioned colored man's family, four more valuable slaves belonging to him took that opportunity of running away; they reached this city, and made good their escape to the north.

We have reason to believe the above are not all the slaves who have made their escape through our city recently. The abolitionists are extremely active, and we have every reason to believe that the underground railroad extends a considerable distance down the State, and that branches have even entered Maryland.

The Cumberland Mountaineer, of yesterday, also says:

Four negroes, three men and one woman, ran away from this city, on Saturday night last. They belonged to Messrs. Edwards, Healy and Clabaugh.