

CROWS AND WOLVES.

AN ACT to encourage the destruction of Wolves and Crows in the several Counties therein mentioned.—1797, ch. 22.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Justice to give a certificate, &c.
That as often as any free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace within the counties of Harford or Montgomery the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, and make oath, or affirmation, that the wolf or wolves of which he or they produce the head or heads were actually caught and killed within the limits of that county in which he or they pray an allowance, and within six days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall, and he is hereby authorized and directed to give such person or persons producing a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath, or affirmation, taken, and therein distinguishing which or how many of the heads of the old or young wolves; and every justice who shall have any wolf's head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid, shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves, of which the head or heads was brought before him, and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed six months, that then he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words Old Wolf or Wolves; and that every justice before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate shall be given as aforesaid, is hereby authorized and directed, immediately to cause the ears to be cut off, and the tongue taken out of and from the head or heads of such wolf or wolves, and burnt, to prevent such head or heads from being a second time carried before a justice in order to obtain a certificate.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every person or persons who shall produce a certificate as aforesaid to the justice of the county wherein the said wolf or wolves were killed, at the levy court, shall, for every old wolf's head be allowed thirty dollars, and for every young wolf's head be allowed four dollars, to be by the said justices assessed and levied in the county levy, together with the collector's salary for collecting the same, and to be paid by the collector to such person or persons as shall be entitled to the same as aforesaid. To be allowed at the levy court, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any person residing in Harford, Montgomery or Cecil counties, shall bring to any justice of the peace of the county in which such person shall reside, the head or heads of any crow or crows, such person shall, for every such head, be allowed in the county levy of the said county the sum of eight cents, and the justice of the Persons to be allowed, &c.