

Session
Laws And be it Enacted, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That it shall not, nor may be lawful, for any Person or Persons within this Province, from and after the End of this present Session of Assembly, to make any Hedge, Ware, or Fence, in or a-cross the said Branch; or to repair or amend any Hedge or Hedges, Wares, or Fences, already made, or which shall be hereafter made, in or across the said main Branch of Patuxent River, above Queen-Anne Town aforesaid; or to fall, or cause to be fallen, any Tree or Trees, into the said Branch, either for the Conveniency of Fishing, or for any other Matter or Thing whatsoever, whereby the Navigation up and down the said Branch may be any-ways obstructed, under the Penalty of Four Hundred Pounds of Tobacco for every such Offence; to be recovered by the Oath of the Informer, before any Justice of the County Court where such Offender shall reside; and to be apliced, One Half to the Use of the Informer, and the other Half to be paid, or accounted for, to the Country Justices, and by them applied for the Benefit of such Person or Persons as shall appear to them to have cleared, or to be concerned, at their own Expence, in clearing such River.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority, Advice and Consent aforesaid, That it shall and may be lawful, for any Person or Persons, whatsoever, to clear and keep the River aforesaid open and navigable, at their own proper Cost and Charges, without being obstructed by any Person or Persons whatsoever.

Provided, That if the Petitioners shall not begin to clear the said River, or cause the same to be begun, within Six Months from the End of this Session of Assembly, that this Act shall cease, determine, and become null and void. And Provided, That if the Clearing of the said River shall be begun within Six Months after the End of this Session, and shall not be completed, so as to render the said River navigable, according to the Intent of this Act, within Six Years after the End of the said Six Months; that then, and in such Case, this Act shall cease, determine, and become null and void; any thing therein contained to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Saving to the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, his Heirs and Successors, their several and respective Rights.

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An Act Reviving an Act of Assembly, intituled, An Act for the Speedy and effectual Publication of the Laws of this Province; and for the Encouragement of William Parks, of the City of Annapolis, Printer.

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