

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Penalty for violation.

confiscation of the boat, vessel, dredge and implements used in digging, dredging and carrying away such sand, gravel or other material, and imprisonment in the county jail for a period not exceeding six months, in the discretion of the Court; one-half of said fine and one-half of the proceeds of the sale of such confiscated boat, vessel, dredge and implements to be paid by the sheriff to the informer, and the other half to the Commissioners of Public Schools for the county; provided, however, that it shall be lawful for any riparian owner of lands bordering on said Potomac River, or for any person or corporation with whom such owner shall have a contract in writing for the purpose, or for the agents, servants or employees of such person or corporation to dig, dredge, take and carry away sand, gravel or other material from the bed of said river opposite said lands from high water mark on the shore bordering on said lands to the outer line of the channel nearest said shore, subject to the laws of the United States relating to navigation. And provided, further, that none of the provisions of this section shall be deemed to interfere in any manner with the provisions of any law of the State of Maryland relating to the taking and catching of fish and oysters.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.

## CHAPTER 578.

AN ACT to pay Harvey Conway, owner of the schooner M. M. Davis, the sum of eight hundred dollars, indemnity to him for damage and loss of said schooner, her cargo and and provisions aboard the same, by collision with the State Steamer Governor Robert M. McLane.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, On the afternoon of January the 24th, A.D. 1899, the State Steamer Governor Robert M. McLane did collide with and sink the Schooner M. M. Davis in the channel leading from the harbor of Cambridge, Maryland, in the Choptank river, and upon full legal investigation thereof by the United States Local Inspectors of Steam Vessels for Baltimore City, it was adjudged and decided that the said State steamer and the captain thereof were in default, and responsible for said collision; and,

WHEREAS, Harvey Conway, owner of said schooner, is a citizen of the State of Maryland, and by reason of said citizenship is unable to obtain redress through the court; and,