

CHAPTER 230.

AN ACT, entitled, an act to prevent the unreasonable delay of Justice, and accumulations of unnecessary Law-suits in the Courts of this State.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of next September, where any judgment of any county court, upon any cause of action that shall thereafter accrue, shall be affirmed by the court of appeals, and it shall appear to the said court of appeals that the appeal taken or writ of error sued out in the case was taken or sued out merely for delay, said court of appeals shall, over and above the interest which by law the amount payable under and by virtue of said judgment shall carry, award damages for the delay at the rate of four per centum per annum, on the said amount for the time between the rendition of said judgment in the county court and the said affirmance thereof.

Where appeal has been resorted to merely for delay.

Court shall allow 4 per cent. damages.

CHAPTER 259.

AN ACT to repeal in part, an Act, entitled, 'an Act to prohibit the use of Gill Nets in the Potomac River, and Patuxent River, during the period therein mentioned.'

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, an act, entitled, 'an act to prohibit the use of gill nets in the Potomac river, and Patuxent river, during the period therein mentioned,' be and the same is hereby repealed, so far as the same prohibits the use of gill nets in the Patuxent river, below the mouth of Hall's creek, and in the Potomac river, below Maryland point.

Repeal in part.

CHAPTER 260.

AN ACT Supplementary to an Act, passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, chapter sixty-eight, concerning persons holding offices of Profit and Trust, under the United States Government.

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen in regard to the true construction of the constitution of this state, in relation to persons holding offices of trust or profit, by appointment to office, under the authorities of this state, who may hold an appointment under the general government, and for the more fully explaining the same; therefore,

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no postmaster or his deputies; no marshal, his deputy or deputies, shall hold any office under the government of this state, or exercise any of the functions of any office which he now has or may hereafter receive from the executive of this state, after the first day of May next, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by indictment and fine in any court of law, or in any county court in this state, where the offence may be committed or the penalty incurred.

Preamble.

Post-master or deputy.

Prohibited to hold office.

Penalty.