

son, or persons, or authorities in each, now authorized to draw for and receive their respective quotas of the free school fund, the respective proportions of the said counties and city, of the interest derived and to be derived from the said surplus revenue of the United States.

CHAPTER 291.

AN ACT for the Preservation of Fish and Wild Fowl in the Patuxent and Wicomico Rivers, and their tributaries.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any persons or person, except the citizens residing in the counties bordering on said rivers, and their tributaries, or who may be permitted to do so, by persons owning or occupying lands on said rivers, or their tributaries, hereafter to erect or cause to be erected or fixed, in any of the water courses within this state, which are connected with the Patuxent or Wicomico rivers, or in either of said rivers, any gill net, seine or other obstructions, and every person so offending, and being thereof convicted before a justice of the peace or magistrates' court of any county adjoining the water course in which the offence has been committed, shall forthwith pay the sum of twenty dollars, and he shall moreover be deemed guilty of a nuisance, and the justice of the peace or magistrates' court shall cause the obstruction to be abated; and in case the offender shall fail to pay the fine aforesaid, he shall be committed by said justice of the peace or magistrates' court, to the public jail of the county, there to remain for thirty days, unless the said fine of twenty dollars be sooner discharged.

Erection of gill nets prohibited.

Penalty \$20.

On failing to pay.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall hereafter, in any of the waters of the Patuxent or Wicomico rivers, or any of their tributary streams, shoot at wild fowl during the night time with a gun of any description, unless it be from the land, or a blind fixed on some bar in said waters; nor shall any person at any time, either in the day or in the night, shoot any description of gun from skiffs or other boats, or from floats, which may not be conveniently discharged from the shoulder, at arm's length, without a rest; and any person convicted of a violation of this act, before any justice of the peace or magistrates' court of any county adjoining the waters or water courses in which the offence may be committed, shall forthwith surrender his gun to the justice of the peace or magistrates' court, who shall cause the same to be sold, and shall in addition to the forfeiture of the gun as herein provided for, be fined by said justice of the peace, or magistrates' court, the sum of one hundred dollars for every such violation, and on his failure to pay the said sum to the said justice of the peace or magistrates' court,

Shooting at wild fowl at night prohibited.

Or with large gun.

Forfeiture.

Fine.