

POLICE.

AN ACT relating to the Police of the City of Baltimore.—1817, ch. 190.

City court
authorized
to appoint
constables.
* Ch. 148.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of Baltimore city court shall have and exercise exclusively hereafter, except as is excepted in the act,* entitled, an act relating to the city of Baltimore, the power of appointing constables in and for that part of Baltimore county included within the limits of the city, and removing them at pleasure; and the constables so appointed shall take and subscribe the oath of office prescribed by law, before the said court, or one of the judges thereof, and shall also give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, in such penalty and with such security as the said court shall direct and approve, which bonds shall be filed with and recorded by the clerk of said court, who shall be entitled to receive from such constable, one dollar for filing and recording each bond; copies of which, under the seal of office, shall be evidence in all cases whatever, and may be sued upon by any corporation or individual interested therein.

SEC. 2. Repealed by 1828, ch. 186, sec. 2.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act relating to the Police of the City of Baltimore.—1828, ch. 186.

Persons
causing or
procuring
any cock-
fighting, &c.
to be pro-
secuted.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person or persons shall wilfully cause or procure any bull-baiting, cock-fighting, or the fighting of dogs, or other animals, or shall wilfully and wickedly kill, cripple, or commit an act or acts of cruelty to or upon any domestic animal within the limits of the city of Baltimore, every such person so offending, and those aiding or abetting therein, shall be liable to prosecution and punishment in Baltimore city court, in the same manner as other misdemeanors are now liable to be prosecuted and punished; or, at the election of the accused, the matter may be tried before either of the judges of said court, and upon conviction may be punished as aforesaid; *Provided nevertheless,* that if the offence be committed by a slave, the court or judge before whom the case shall be tried, may, in lieu of other punishment, order that such slave shall be punished by whipping, not exceeding thirty-nine stripes.

Proviso.

Section of
former act
repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the second section of the act of 1817, chapter 190, to which this is a supplement, be and the same is hereby repealed; *Provided nevertheless,* that all indictments now pending under said act, shall be heard and determined in the same manner as if the second section of the said act had not been repealed.