

twenty dollars for every such offence, one-half to the use of the state, and the other half to him or them that shall inform or sue for the same, to be recovered in the counties aforesaid, by action of debt, before any justice of the peace, in the same manner as is prescribed by law for the recovery of small debts out of court.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That so much of any law of this state as may be repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed. Repeal.

NAVIGATION.

AN ACT for the preservation of the Navigation of the North-west Branch of Nanticoke River, in Dorchester County.—1807, ch. 155.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, that the navigation of the north-west branch of the said river is much injured by the erection of wears and hedges in and upon the same; therefore, Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all wears and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, in the channel of that part of the said branch of the said river which lies between the channel of the main river and the place on the aforesaid branch or river called the Walnut Landing, so as to stop the passage of boats or vessels, or in any manner injure the navigation of the said branch or river, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared, nuisances, and may be by any person taken out of said branch or river, and destroyed as such. Wears made between channel of river and the Walnut Landing declared nuisances.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That no person or persons shall, after the first day of March next, put, place or make, any wear or hedge in the channel or mouth of the said branch or river, so as to stop the said passage of boats or vessels, or in any manner injure the navigation thereof, under the penalty of twenty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered before a single magistrate, in the same manner as small debts are recovered, and appropriated, one-half to the informer or person who will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to the use of Dorchester county, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Penalty on persons erecting them.

AN ACT for the preservation of the Navigation of a Branch of Nanticoke River, called North-west Fork, in Dorchester County.—1818, ch. 103.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, that wears and hedges have of late been erected in and across the North-west fork branch of the said river, in Dorchester county, from the Chimney landing up to the North-west fork bridge, to the great injury of the navigation of said river; therefore, Preamble.