

Wears and hedges erected so as to stop vessels, declared nuisances.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all wears and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, in and across the said river, from the Chimney landing to the North-west fork bridge, so as to stop up the passage of boats, vessels or scows, shall be deemed, and are hereby declared nuisances, and may be by any person taken out of said North-west fork branch of the said river, and destroyed as such.

Penalty on persons erecting such.

SEC. 2. *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 and across the branch of said river, so as to stop the passage of boats, vessels or scows, under the penalty of twenty dollars current money for each and 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.

ORPHANS COURT.

1821, ch. 141, see 'Charles County,' title 'Orphans Court,' ante page 1858.

OYSTERS.

AN ACT for the protection of Oysters in the Little Choptank or Hudson River and its Creeks, in Dorchester County.—1835, ch. 216.

See ante page 722.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this general assembly, that a most destructive practice is prevalent of catching oysters in the waters of Little Choptank or Hudson river and its creeks, in Dorchester county, solely for the purpose of manuring land, and the destruction of the oysters will be inevitable in said river and its creeks, unless the same be prohibited by law; therefore,

Catching for manuring forbid.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the fifteenth day of April next, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to catch any oysters in the Little Choptank or Hudson river, in Dorchester county, or in any of the creeks of said river, in said county, for the purpose of manuring land.

Purchasing for do. forbid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the fifteenth day of April next, it shall be deemed unlawful for any person or persons, in Dorchester county, or for any other person or persons whatsoever, to purchase any oysters for the purpose of manuring land, from any person or persons, which said oysters have been caught in the Little Choptank or Hudson river or the creeks thereof, in Dorchester county; *Provided,* that the person or persons purchasing the same be acquainted with the fact that the said oysters, so as aforesaid purchased, were