

lawful for any person or persons, by day or night, to navigate or paddle any open skiff, canoe or open boat of any description, on board of which open skiff, canoe or open boat aforesaid, may be any offensive weapon, gun, musket, fowling piece or pistol, within the region usually known as included from Hearn's Straits, in Somerset county, to the upper side of Holland's Straits, within fifty yards of any blind for shooting fowl, with intent to shoot or molest any wild fowl or fowls within the region aforesaid.

Penalty for
violating.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the discovering or finding of any offensive weapon, gun, musket, fowling piece or pistol in any open skiff, canoe or open boat as aforesaid, within fifty yards of any blind for shooting fowl, shall, in all cases within the region aforesaid, be deemed prima facie evidence of intent to shoot or molest said wild fowls, and shall subject the offender in each and every case, to a penalty of ten dollars, to be recovered before the district court of Somerset county, by action of debt, in the name of the state, or qui tam action, one-half of which penalty shall be for the benefit of the informer, and the remaining half shall be paid over to the commissioners of Somerset county, for the benefit of said county.

Witness.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the informer shall be deemed a competent witness in each and every prosecution under this act.

WITNESSES.

See title 'Jurors,' ante page 2187.

TALBOT COUNTY.

BOUNDARIES.—1695, ch. 13; 1706, ch. 3.

ASSESSMENT.

AN ACT for the Re-valuation of Real and Personal Property in Talbot County.—1831, ch. 118.

Meeting to
re-assess,
&c.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the commissioners for Talbot county, should they deem it necessary, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to meet at Easton, the county town of said county, as soon as may be practicable after the passage of this act, and there proceed to re-value and re-assess the real and personal property within said county, agreeably to the provisions of an act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled, an act for the valuation of real and personal property in the several counties of this state.

See 1812, ch. 191, ante page 1631.