

## CHAPTER 260.

AN ACT to declare certain Trespasses Felony, and for other purposes.

Cutting timber with intent to steal the same declared felony.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person shall cut down, or cause or induce any person to cut down, any timber or tree, of a size not less than those commonly used for hoop poles, with intent to steal the same, or cause or induce any other person to steal the same, or any part thereof, every person so offending, his aiders and abettors, having knowledge of such intent to steal, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall be sentenced to such punishment as now is, or hereafter may be, prescribed by law for feloniously stealing goods or chattels to the value of the tree or trees, which shall be so cut down as aforesaid, and of the injury thereby occasioned.

Destroying grain, &c. deemed a misdemeanor.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every person who shall advisedly and maliciously, with intent to injure the owner of any land, house or building, cut down any tree, or cut down, break, dig or pull up, or in any other manner destroy or injure any growing grain, shrubs, herbs, roots, vines or vegetables, or shall cut, break, pull off, destroy or injure, any part of any house, or other building, or of any wall or fence, or any ornament, or other valuable article attached to any house or other building, wall or fence, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be adjudged to be fined or imprisoned, or both, in the discretion of the court before which any such person shall be tried and convicted.

Not to apply to certain counties.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to apply to Allegany, Cecil, Harford, Worcester, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, Somerset, Caroline, or Charles counties.

Baltimore and Calvert counties are withdrawn from the provisions of this act, by 1827, ch. 51, and Worcester is brought within its range, by 1827, ch. 64.

## CHAPTER 265.

AN ACT to enable the Trustees of County, and other Schools and Academies, and to recover and obtain possession of the Funds and other Property and Effects, belonging to such Schools and Academies.

County courts empowered, on petition, to order payment of money, &c.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the several county courts of this state shall have power, and it is hereby declared to be their duty, on the application by petition, in writing, of the trustees, or a majority of the trustees, or other persons having the lawful charge and possession of any county, or other school or academy within their county, alleging that any person or persons hath or have in his or their hands or possession, or have concealed any money, property or effects, belonging to such school or academy, which such per-