

for the payment of money, check, or order drawn on any bank of this State or any other State, paper bill of credit, certificate granted by or under the authority of this State, or of the United States, or any of them, or of any last will and testament, or codicil, shall be punished in the same manner as robbery or larceny of goods and chattels.

102. The taking and carrying away of corn from the stalk, of the quantity of a peck or more, or the taking and carrying away of willows from the stump of the weight of five pounds or more, with a felonious intent to convert the same to his own use, shall be deemed a felony; and every white person or free negro guilty of the same, upon conviction, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than five years.

103. Every person, his aiders and abettors, who shall be convicted before any court exercising criminal jurisdiction at the place where the offender may be arrested, or may reside, of the crime of stealing, cutting away, or in any manner wilfully injuring any of the buoys, their mooring chains and stones, which are now moored, or may hereafter be moored, in the Patapsco River or the Chesapeake Bay by the direction of the insurance companies of the city of Baltimore, shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for a period of not less than eighteen months nor more than seven years, at the discretion of the court.

104. If any person shall secretly and feloniously steal, take and carry away any tobacco plants, while growing and belonging to any inhabitant of this State, such person, upon conviction thereof, shall suffer such punishment and undergo such confinement in the penitentiary as if the said tobacco plants had been feloniously stolen, taken and carried away after the same had been severed from the freehold.

LETTERS.

105. If any person whatsoever shall presume to take and break open any letter whatsoever, not being unto him directed, or not having special license from the person to whom the same is directed, his executors or administrators, so to do, he shall, upon conviction thereof, suffer imprisonment for six days and be fined fifteen dollars, one-half to the State and the other half to the informer.