

## ARTICLE LXXXVII.

*Sheep.*

SEC. 1. If any dog shall be detected in killing or injuring sheep, and proof thereof shall be made by the oath of the owner of said sheep, or any other person being a competent witness, before a justice of the peace, the owner of said dog, upon complaint to him made and information of such proof, shall proceed forthwith to kill said dog, and on his refusal or neglect to do so, the owner of said sheep may kill such dog afterwards found running at large, or may apply to a constable, who, upon production of the aforesaid affidavit, shall proceed to the house of the owner of said dog and kill said dog there or wherever else found.

2. If such dog shall, immediately upon such complaint and information, be killed by his owner, the owner of the sheep shall not have cause of action against the owner of said dog, but upon his refusal to kill such dog, the owner of said sheep may recover double the value of the sheep killed, with costs, in the manner prescribed for the recovery of debts.

## ARTICLE LXXXVIII.

*Sheriffs.*

## OATHS OF OFFICE AND BOND.

SEC. 1. Every sheriff elected shall, within thirty days after his commission has been received by the clerk of his county or city, make the declaration of religious belief required by the Constitution, and also take the oaths therein prescribed before such clerks.

2. He shall also, before he acts as such, give bond to the State of Maryland in the penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars, with security to be approved by two judges of the Orphans' Court, or the judge of the Circuit Court for his county, if he be elected for a county, or any two judges of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore