

139. A judgment of a justice of the peace in Caroline county shall be a lien on the lands and tenements of the defendant in such judgment lying in said county, from the time a short copy of such judgment shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline county.

NAVIGATION OF NANTICOKE RIVER.

140. All weirs and hedges made in the northwest fork branch of Nanticoke River from the northwest fork bridge to the mill of Robert Boyce, so as to prevent the free passage of vessels, scows, rafts of logs or scantling passing to and from said mill, shall be deemed nuisances, and may be by any person taken out of said branch or river and destroyed.

141. Any person who shall place any weir or hedge in said river between said points so as to stop the passage of boats, vessels, scows, rafts of logs or scantling, or in any manner to injure the navigation thereof, shall be subject to a fine of twenty dollars, to be recovered before a justice of the peace of Caroline county as small debts are recovered, one-half to the informer or person who may sue for the same, the other half to the use of the county.

NEGROES AND SLAVES.

142. It shall be the duty of constables in Caroline county to arrest and bring before a justice of the peace any slave who may be going at large and hiring himself in their respective districts, or who may not have a fixed home in the family or on the estate of his owner, or be hired to or in the regular employ of another person by virtue of a contract with his owner.

143. In all cases, the justice, if satisfied that the slave was going at large contrary to law, shall direct the constable to hire such slave for the entire balance of the year.

144. For each examination of slaves under this law, the justice shall be entitled to twenty-five cents, to be levied as part of the county expenses.

145. The constables shall keep an account of the slaves by them respectively hired out, and the amount of hire received for each, the account to be submitted and the money accounted for to the county commissioners annually.