

George's county or Anne Arundel county; one-half to the use of the informer and the other half to the use of the State.

#### MESSENGER.

74. The messenger to the Circuit Court and Orphans' Court for said county, shall receive an annual salary of fifty dollars.

#### NAVIGATION OF PATUXENT RIVER.

75. All weirs and hedges in the western branch of Patuxent River below the bridge, where the road leading from Upper Marlborough to the town of Queen Anne crosses the said branch, are declared nuisances, and may be abated as such by any person.

76. If any free person shall place or make any weir or hedge in the said west branch of the Patuxent River, contrary to the provisions of the preceding section, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars for each offence, to be recovered before any justice of the peace, one-half to the informer or person who may sue for the same, and the other half to be paid to the justice, and by him paid annually to the county commissioners for said county.

77. If any free person shall fish any such weir or hedge, he shall for every offence forfeit the sum of fifteen dollars, to be recovered and applied as directed in the preceding section.

78. If any slave, without the direction of his master or overseer, shall commit either of the offences mentioned in the two preceding sections, he shall for every offence, by the judgment of a justice of the peace, be punished with whipping, not exceeding twenty lashes; but the master of such slave, or any other person, may redeem such slave from said punishment by paying the fine that would have been imposed if such slave had been free.

#### NEGROES AND SLAVES.

79. No licensed retailer in said county, nor any person residing in said county, accustomed to make and sell distilled spirits or other liquors, shall suffer any free negro or any negro slave to be in his store-house or other house wherein he is accustomed to sell distilled spirits or other liquors, between sunset and sunrise.