

Posse comitatus.

boat or vessel engaged therein; and all such owners or masters are hereby vested with power to summons the *posse comitatus* to aid in making such arrest and seizure as fully as are Constables and Sheriffs of the several counties and the City of Baltimore.

Warrant to arrest offenders.

Sec. 13. *And be it enacted*, That upon information given upon oath to any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction, of any violation of any of the provisions of this Article, the said Justice of the Peace shall issue his warrant for the arrest of the offender or offenders, and the seizure of the canoe, boat, or vessel, together with the tackle and furniture on board, which warrant shall be directed to the Sheriff or any Constable of the county wherein the said warrant is issued, or to the owner or master of any canoe, boat, or vessel licensed under this Article.

Violation.

Justice to docket case.

Sec. 14. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons on board any canoe, boat or vessel, engaged in violating any of the provisions of this Article, shall abandon the said canoe, boat, or vessel and flee so as to escape arrest, the officer endeavoring to make such arrest, shall seize such canoe, boat or vessel, and give information of such seizure to some Justice of the Peace, or Judge of a Circuit Court most convenient or accessible from the place where such offence shall have been committed, and it shall be the duty of the said Justice of the Peace, or Judge, to docket a case in the name of the State against the said canoe, boat or vessel, and to proceed without delay with the trial of the same, and if there is sufficient proof that said canoe, boat or other vessel has been used or employed in violating any of the provisions of this Article, the said Justice of the Peace, or Judge, shall either render a judgment of condemnation against the said canoe, boat or vessel, her tackle and furniture on board at the time of seizure, or fine the said canoe, boat or vessel, if under Custom House tonnage, not less than five nor more than twenty dollars; and if over Custom House tonnage, not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars; one-half of said fine to be paid to the informer and the residue into the Treasury of the State.

Condemn.