

person shall enter any store, shop, dwelling-house, tobacco house or warehouse, and shall feloniously sever or separate from the freehold any pipe, water fixture or gas fixture, or any other article, or anything attached or affixed thereto, with intent to feloniously steal, take and carry away the same or any part thereof, he shall be deemed guilty of felony, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county or city jail, or the penitentiary, at the discretion of the court, for not less than one year nor more than eight years; and it shall not be necessary to charge in the indictment that the article or things were attached or affixed to or a part of the freehold.

Larceny—Ships.

1904, art. 27, sec. 273. 1888, art. 27, sec. 168. 1860, art. 30, sec. 99. 1737, ch. 2, sec. 4. 1809, ch. 138, sec. 6.

297. Every person who shall be convicted of the crime of stealing any ship, sloop or other vessel of seventeen feet keel or upwards, out of any place within the body of any county, or on the Chesapeake bay, within the jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, and not within the body of any county; or of the crime of counselling, hiring, aiding or commanding any person to commit either of said offenses, or of the crime of being accessory thereto, shall restore the vessel to the owner thereof, or pay him the full value thereof, and also be sentenced to the penitentiary for not more than twelve years nor less than eighteen months.

Larceny—Tobacco Plants.

Ibid. sec. 274. 1888, art. 27, sec. 169. 1860, art. 30, sec. 104. 1819, ch. 88.

298. 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—Wrongfully Opening.

Ibid. sec. 275. 1888, art. 27, sec. 170. 1860, art. 30, sec. 105. 1713, ch. 2, sec. 8. 1790, ch. 51, sec. 11.

299. 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.

Ibid. sec. 276. 1888, art. 27, sec. 171. 1860, art. 30, sec. 106. 1713, ch. 2, sec. 9. 1790, ch. 51, sec. 11.

300. If any person shall wilfully break the seal of any letter or package belonging to the public, he shall, on conviction thereof, be fined