

preceding sections shall prevent the courts of record from exercising their common law jurisdiction in all cases for disturbing public worship. And the party convicted under any of the preceding sections relating to religious meetings shall have the right to appeal to the next circuit court for the county where the conviction is had upon giving bail for his appearance at court, and upon such appeal shall be entitled to a trial by jury.

Rivers.

An. Code, sec. 429. 1904, sec. 377. 1888, sec. 240. 1734, ch. 16, sec. 2. 1747, ch. 13. 1774, ch. 18. 1870, ch. 44. 1872, ch. 58.

476. If any ballast, ashes, filth, earth, soil, oysters or oyster shells be taken, unladen or cast out of any ship, steamboat, scow, puny or other vessel on any pretense whatever in Chesapeake bay above "Sandy Point" or in the waters of Herring bay or in any river, creek or harbor within this State below high water mark, the master or other person having charge or command of such ship, steamboat, scow or other vessel shall, upon conviction thereof before any justice of the peace of this State, be fined not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred and fifty dollars, one-half of which amount shall be paid to the informer and the other half to the State; but any one convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be entitled to appeal to the circuit court for the county in which he was convicted, or to the Baltimore city court if the offense was committed in the city of Baltimore; this section shall not, however, be construed to apply to the improvement of harbors or to affect any existing act of assembly relating to the construction of wharves or to the rights of riparian proprietors.

An. Code, sec. 430. 1904, sec. 378. 1888, sec. 241. 1872, ch. 58.

477. The commanding officer of the State fishery force is required and directed to enforce the provisions of the preceding section.

An. Code, sec. 431. 1904, sec. 379. 1888, sec. 242. 1874, ch. 355.

478. If any person shall place, cast or throw into the Potomac river, at any point above the canal dam, near the mouth of Wills' creek, any dead body or carcass of any dog, horse, cow, hog, cat or other animal whatsoever, or shall drown therein any animal whatsoever, or shall place, cast or throw therein any substance whatsoever, calculated to render the waters of said river impure or unfit for use, he shall forfeit and pay a sum of not less than twenty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the informer and the other half to the State, to be recovered by action of debt or indictment in the county wherein the offense was committed.

An. Code, sec. 432. 1904, sec. 380. 1888, sec. 243. 1734, ch. 16, sec. 3.

479. No person shall build any weir or hedge across any river, creek or branch below any public landing place, so as to prejudice or dam up the channel, or to obstruct the passage of boats, on pain of forfeiting twenty-five dollars, to be recovered in the proper court by action of debt or by indictment.