

said officer shall read said warrant to the owner or person in whose possession said game, fish or unlawful device is supposed to be. Said warrant shall be returnable within not less than forty-eight hours from the date thereof.

(a) Provided, however, that if the Game Warden or one of his salaried Deputies has reason to believe that game, fish or unlawful device are in possession in violation of the game or fish laws of this State, and, in his opinion, it is not possible or practical to secure a search warrant in time to seize said game, fish or unlawful devices so in possession, then he may without a warrant examine any boat, railway car, box, crate, package or game bag, and may seize any game, fish or unlawful device so found in possession; and any game, fish or unlawful device so taken shall be disposed of by the Game Warden as he may deem advisable for the best interest of the State.

(b) Provided, however, that this section shall not authorize entering a dwelling house without first procuring a search warrant.

(c) Any Game Warden of the State of Maryland, or Deputy Game Warden, or employee of the State Game Warden, engaged in the enforcement of this Article, or any other law of the State of Maryland, who shall search any dwelling house without a warrant directig such search, or who, while so engaged shall maliciously and without reasonable cause, search any other building or property, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for the first offense, shall be fined not more than \$500 and for each subsequent offense, not more than \$500, or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both said fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

1927, ch. 568, sec. 11.

11. At the time mentioned in said warrant, said Justice shall proceed to hear and determine whether said game, fish or unlawful device was in the possession of the person or corporation contrary to law; and if the said Justice shall find that said game, fish or unlawful device was in the possession of the defendant contrary to law, then said Justice shall enter judgment against the defendant and order said game, fish or unlawful device to be turned over to the Game Warden, who shall dispose of same as he may deem advisable for the best interest of the State; but if the said Justice shall find that the possession of such game, fish or unlawful device was not contrary to law, then the judgment shall be that the same be returned to the person or corporation from whom the same was taken.

1927, ch. 568, sec. 12.

12. All Sheriffs, Constables and Police Officers and all the Officers appointed by the Conservation Department of Maryland, shall assist in enforcing all of the game and fish laws of this State, and shall have all the powers of a Deputy Game Warden.