

## RIVERS.

**198.** If any ballast, ashes, filth, earth, soil, oysters, or oyster shells, be taken, unladen or cast out of any ship, steamboat, scow, pungy, or other vessel, on any pretence whatever, in the 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; *provided*, however, that any one convicted of violating the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to appeal to the Circuit Court of the county in which he was convicted, or to the City Court of Baltimore City, if the offence was committed in the city of Baltimore; *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to the improvement of harbours, or to affect any existing act of Assembly relating to the construction of wharves, or to rights of riparian proprietors.

1872, c 58  
Prohibiting  
deposit of bal-  
last, etc., in  
Che-sapeake bay  
and rivers, etc

Penalty.

Right of appeal.

Proviso

**199.** The commanding officer of the State fishery force is hereby required and directed to enforce the provisions of the foregoing section.

1872, c 58,  
1874, c 181  
Commander of  
State fishery  
force to en-  
force

**200.** If any person shall place, cast, or throw into the Potomac river, at any point above the canal dam, near the mouth of Will's 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 offence was committed.

1874, c 355  
Casting of car-  
cass of animal  
in Potomac  
river

Penalty

**201.** 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.

Art 30, s 171  
1734, c 16, s 8  
Building of weir  
or hedge across  
river

Penalty.