

fowl may be violated, who shall be satisfied, either upon his own view, or information received of any other person, whether on oath or not, that any one has violated the said provisions, shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to arrest and take into custody such person so offending, and the boatmen or other persons found on board the vessel, boat, float, canoe or craft employed to convey such offender for the purpose of shooting at or killing wild ducks or wild fowl of any description contrary to the provisions of this article; and he shall seize and take into his possession the said vessel, boat, float, canoe or craft, and the gun or guns, ammunition and decoy ducks in the same, or in the use or possession of the offender or offenders.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 98, sec. 7. 1860, ch. 109, sec. 6.

7. The said officers shall carry the person or persons so arrested before a justice of the peace of the county wherein the offence may be committed, representing to the justice the breach of the law committed; and the said justice shall inquire fully into the alleged offence, of which, the finding of vessels, boats, floats, canoes or crafts employed as aforesaid or in the possession or use of the persons charged, shall be considered as *prima facie* evidence of guilt.

Ibid. sec. 8. 1860, ch. 109, sec. 7.

8. If after a full investigation the said justice shall think the charge groundless, he shall dismiss the same at the cost of the county; but if he shall be of the opinion that any wild ducks or other water-fowl have been shot at or killed contrary to sections 1, 2 or 3 of this article, he shall render a judgment of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars against each person engaged directly or indirectly therein for each offence, and he may commit him to the county jail, in the event of his not paying the fine thus imposed, if the officer making the arrest and seizure desire it; and if committed, the officer who desired the commitment shall pay the jail fees at the rate of twenty-five cents per day, and in case of a failure to pay the said fees for the space of three consecutive days, the party whose jail fees shall thus remain unpaid shall be discharged from confinement.