ARTICLE XXXVIII.

FINES AND FORFEITURES.

P. G. L , (1860,) art. 40, sec. 1. 1777, ch. 6. 1880, ch. 211.

1. When any fine or penalty is imposed by any act of assembly of this State, or by any ordinance of any incorporated city or town in this State, enacted in pursuance of sufficient authority, for the doing of any act forbidden to be done by such act of assembly or ordinance, or for omitting to do any act required to, be done by such act of assembly or ordinance, the doing of such. act, or the omission to do such act, shall be deemed to be a criminal offence; such offence, in the city of Baltimore, shall be prosecuted by the arrest of the offender for such offence, and by holding him to appear in or committing him for trial in the criminal court of Baltimore, at the Saturday sessions of said court, which said court shall have jurisdiction in the said cases,. and shall proceed to try or dispose of the same in the same man- ner as other criminal cases triable at the Saturday sessions of said court may be tried or proceeded with or disposed of, or such offence may be prosecuted by indictment in such court; such offences in any county of this State shall be prosecuted by the arrest of the offender for such offence, and by holding him to bail to appear in or committing him for trial in the circuit court for the county in which such offence was committed, or by indict- ment in the circuit court for such county for such offence. If any person shall be adjudged guilty of any such offence by any court, having jurisdiction in the premises, he shall be sentenced to the fine or penalty prescribed by such act of assembly or ordinance, and to the costs of his prosecution; and in default of payment, thereof he shall be committed to jail until thence discharged by due course of law; any indictment for the violation of any ordi- nance of any incorporated city or town of this State may con- clude "against the form of the ordinance in such case made and