

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 20, sec. 22.

21. If any person shall at any time be sued or prosecuted for any matter or thing done in pursuance of this sub-title of this article, or any matter or thing herein contained, he may plead the general issue and give the special matter in evidence; and if upon trial verdict shall be found for the defendant, or if the plaintiff shall be non-suited or discontinued, the defendant shall recover treble costs; and if the plaintiff shall be unable to pay them, they shall be paid by the attorney who brought or prosecuted the suit, unless the plaintiff shall give security for such costs, approved by the court.

Ibid. sec 23.

22. All fines and forfeitures imposed by this sub-title of this article shall be applied, one-half to the informer, the other half to the use of the almshouse.

BIRDS AND GAME.

1886, ch. 442.

23. No person shall shoot, or in any manner catch, kill or have in his possession in Talbot county, any partridge or rabbit, between the thirty-first day of December and the fifteenth day of October, inclusive; nor any woodcock, between the first day of January and the fourth day of July; nor any sora or water-rail, or summer duck, between the first day of January and the tenth day of September; nor shall any person wilfully or maliciously trap any partridge, or destroy or molest the eggs of said birds at any time in said county.

Ibid.

24. Any person who shall be convicted before a justice of the peace of said county of violating the preceding section, shall pay a fine of ten dollars for each and every partridge, woodcock, rabbit, rail-bird or summer duck, shot or in any manner caught, killed or found in his possession, or for any partridge trapped, or for any partridge eggs or nests wilfully or maliciously molested, or destroyed contrary to the preceding section; and in default of payment of said fine, together with the costs, the offender shall be committed to jail for not less than five nor more than thirty