

1892, ch. 545.

56. If any person shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or shall willingly aid or assist in falsely making, altering, forging or counterfeiting, or shall utter or pass, knowing it to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, any order, paper, letter writing, prescription, recipe or other device purporting to have been made by a regular practising physician, for any drugs, medicines, spirituous or fermented liquors, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction in any court in this State shall be sentenced to the jail, the house of correction or penitentiary, for not less than six months nor more than two years, in the discretion of the court. If upon trial of any person charged with, or indicted for such misdemeanor, it shall appear that he paid for, or offered or promised to pay for, the drugs, medicine, spirituous liquor or fermented liquor obtained by means of such falsely made; altered, forged or counterfeited order, paper, letter writing, prescription, recipe or other device purporting to have been made by a regular practising physician, he shall not by reason thereof be acquitted of such misdemeanor.

Cruelty to Animals.

1890, ch. 198, sec. 1.

57. Any person who wilfully sets on foot, instigates, engages in, or in any way furthers any act of cruelty to any animal, or any act tending to produce such cruelty, or by any act, conduct, neglect or omission wilfully causes, permits or suffers any animal to undergo any species of torture or cruelty, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Ibid. sec. 2.

58. The words "torture or cruelty" shall be held to include everything whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering or death is caused or permitted, and the word animal shall be held to include every living creature except men.

State v. Falkenham, 73 Md. 464

1892, ch. 340, sec. 1.

59. Justices of the peace shall have jurisdiction concurrent with that of the courts of criminal jurisdiction to try and determine all cases in relation to cruelty to animals and to pronounce sentence of fine and imprisonment, or either, in the same manner as said courts; but if either the parties accused