

or the State's attorney shall elect to have the case tried before court, it shall be the duty of the justice of the peace to give a preliminary hearing, except in cases where such hearing is waived by the accused, and if there be a probable cause of guilt, to commit or bail the accused for the action of the court having jurisdiction.

1892, ch. 340, sec. 2. 1900, ch. 462.

60. Whenever a fine is imposed in any such case by any court or justice of the peace, one-half thereof shall be paid to the Maryland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Baltimore city ; in case there shall be no society of similar character in the county, city or town where the offense shall have been committed, in which latter event the said one-half of the fine shall be paid to the said local society ; and any officer of said society, or any society or association incorporated for the prevention of cruelty to animals, duly incorporated under the laws of this State, shall upon his own view of any misdemeanor in relation to cruelty to animals make arrests and bring before any magistrate or justice of the peace offenders found violating the laws of this State in relation to cruelty to animals.

1892, ch. 340, sec. 3.

61. The justice of the peace before whom any party accused shall be brought for his action under the provision of sections 57 to 61 shall, before proceeding to try and determine the case, make known to such party his right to a trial before the court having criminal jurisdiction, as aforesaid, and shall obtain from such party a written waiver of said right, signed by such party, to be filed among the proceedings in the case and to be noted on the docket of said justice.

1894, ch. 142, sec. 1.

62. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to shoot or otherwise kill or maim any Antwerp or homing pigeon, commonly called and known by the name of "carrier pigeon," either while in flight or at rest.

Ibid. sec. 2.

63. Any person violating the provisions of the preceding section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall for every such offense pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars.