

1888, art. 27, sec. 267. 1862, ch. 235.

416. If any person or persons within this State shall hold any secret or public meeting, or unite with or belong to any secret club or association known by him or them to be intended to effect, promote or encourage the separation or secession of this State from the government or union of the United States, every such person, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary for a term not less than two nor more than six years, or to a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than three thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Ibid. sec. 268. 1862, ch. 235.

417. If any person shall conspire or combine with others to levy war against this State, or to give aid or comfort to the enemies thereof, whether foreign or domestic, within this State or elsewhere, and be convicted thereof, he shall be sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than six years, or to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Ibid. sec. 269. 1862, ch. 235.

418. If, with intent to promote rebellion or war against this State, or to give aid and comfort to the enemies thereof, any person shall attempt to burn or destroy, or any person shall attempt or conspire with others to burn or destroy any bridge, ferryboat, viaduct, culvert, structure, rails, or other property belonging to or being part of any highway or railroad, or any engine, car, vehicle, or other property, either belonging to or used or employed upon any railroad within this State; or if any person or persons shall attempt or conspire with others to destroy any dam, lock, abutment, towing-path, waste-weir, or feeder of any canal, or any boat, vessel or other property belonging to or used or employed thereon within this State, every person so offending, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary for a term not exceeding three years, nor less than one year, or fined in a sum not more than two thousand nor less than five hundred dollars, in the discretion of the court.

Ibid. sec. 270. 1862, ch. 235.

419. If any person or persons shall wilfully attempt or conspire to betray, yield or deliver to any person or persons in rebellion against the government of this State, or to their