

clerks thereof, and the sheriff of said city, and the jurors summoned by him from the inhabitants of said city, and any justice of the peace of said city and all parties interested in the exercise of said powers, shall respectively have the same powers and rights which are conferred under said article twenty-three upon the circuit court of the counties and the clerks thereof, and the sheriffs of said counties, and the jurors summoned by them from the inhabitants of said counties, and the justices of the peace of said counties, and the parties interested in the exercise of the powers under said article twenty-three; and the inquisition shall be returned by the sheriff to the clerk of the court which may be named in the warrant of the justice of the peace; and said courts may confirm said inquisition at any time after the return of said inquisition to the clerk of said court if no sufficient cause to the contrary be shown; but fifteen days after such return shall be allowed in which to file objections to the confirmation of any such inquisition.

Rights.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved March 19, 1890.

CHAPTER 140.

AN ACT to better protect wild fowl in the waters of Little Choptank river.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be unlawful for any other than *bona fide* citizens or residents of Parson's creek, Church creek and Neck districts in Dorchester county to shoot wild fowl from sink boats, sneak boats, boats carrying a light at night, or from blinds or otherwise in the Little Choptank river. Unlawful.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That upon the information of any citizen or resident of the aforementioned districts before any justice of the peace that he knows of any person or persons who have violated the provisions of this act, the justice of the peace before whom the complaint is made shall docket a case in the name of the State of Maryland against such person or persons so charged on oath as offending, and issue a warrant to some one of the constables or the sheriff of said county, for the arrest of the party or parties, with the boat, guns and other fixtures used in such violation of this act, to be brought before such justice, or some other justice for trial; and upon conviction shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars and costs, and also the boat, guns and other fixtures used in such violation; the boat, guns and

Proceedings.