

## CHAPTER 264.

AN ACT to add an additional section to article thirty of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Embezzling Property and Writings," to provide for the punishment of embezzling property and writings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following section be added to article thirty of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Embezzling Property and Writings," to be read as a part of the sections of said sub-title, next after section forty-nine of said article, and to be called sub-section A.

SUB-SEC. A. If any person or persons employed in the management or navigation of any vessel on any river, canal, bay or other waters within this State exclusively, in any capacity whatever, shall fraudulently sell, give away, pledge or in any manner dispose of the cargo thereof, or any article or commodity thereon, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof; or, if having sold the same or any part thereof with such consent, shall fraudulently neglect or refuse to pay over to such owner or owners thereof the consideration received therefor, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in any court of this State having criminal jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one thousand nor more than three thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail of the county in which such conviction is had, or the State penitentiary, for a term of not more than five years, or by both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the court.

Penalty for  
refusing to  
pay over.

In force.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1878.