

said, and all which said articles, boat, craft or float, and all other property seized and taken by virtue of this law, shall be condemned and sold, and the proceeds distributed as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any sheriff, constable or commissioned militia officer of Baltimore county, who shall be satisfied, either upon his own view, or from information received of any other person, whether on oath or not, that any person or persons have violated any of the provisions of this law, such officer shall be, and he is hereby authorised and empowered to arrest and take into his custody such person or persons so offending and the boatman found on board or belonging to the boat or float employed to convey any or all of such offenders to Baltimore county, for the purpose of shooting at or killing wild ducks or wild fowl of any description in contravention of this act, and he shall seize and take into his possession the said boat or craft, and all the appurtenances belonging to the same, and all the articles and other property enumerated in the first section of this act, and the said officers shall carry the said person or persons, so arrested, before a justice of the peace of Baltimore county, representing to the justice the breach of law committed, and the said justice shall be, and he is hereby authorised to take cognizance of the offence then charged, and he shall docket a case in the name of the State against each person in the custody of the said officers, and immediately have summoned before him the witness or witnesses in the case or cases, and shall examine the said witness or witnesses on oath, and any white person or persons who aided the said officer in making the arrest and seizure, shall be a competent witness against the parties charged, and the said justice shall enquire fully into the alleged offence, of which finding sink boats, sneak boats or floats on board of the said boat or craft employed as aforesaid, or in the possession or use of the person or persons charged with offending against this law, shall be considered as prima facie evidence of guilt, and after a full investigation of the case or cases, if the justice shall think the charge groundless, he shall immediately dismiss the same, at the cost of the county, but if he shall be of opinion that any wild ducks or other wild fowl have been shot at or killed in violation of this law, he shall impose fines of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars on each and every person engaged directly or indirectly therein for each and every offence, and he may commit him or them to the county jail, in the event of their not paying the fines thus imposed, if the officer making the arrest and seiz-

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