

to law, and had given such bonds for the faithful performance of their duties as such constables.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners for Washington county may in their discretion, appoint any other, or as many other constables as they may think necessary for the said county, to serve in the said office of constable until the next regular election and qualification of constables for said county, according to the act of Assembly, passed at January session eighteen hundred and fifty-two, chapter two hundred and seventy-four, providing for the election of constables and other officers in the city of Baltimore, and the several counties of this State, and take from such constables so as aforesaid to be appointed, the usual bond, to be by them approved of, according to the acts of Assembly in relation to constables bonds.

Commissioners may appoint other constables.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

CHAPTER 206.

AN ACT to amend the second section of an act passed on the thirty-first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled, an act for the more effectual suppression of Crimes.

Passed May 12, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the provisions of the second section of the act passed on the thirty-first of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled, an act for the more effectual suppression of crimes, shall extend only to such assaults and batteries as are committed without any provocation.

Amended.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the criminal court of Baltimore city may fine or imprison, according to its discretion, any person or persons, who may be convicted of committing such assault and battery act, or in any of the places mentioned in the said second section; *Provided*, that such fine shall not be less than the amount of the fine provided for in said section, or in case of imprisonment in the jail or penitentiary, for

Court may fine or imprison.

Provido.