

CHAP. 109. been made, and cut down and carry away the quantity of timber purchased by them as aforesaid.

Penalty for taking more than has been purchased

3. *And be it enacted*, That if any purchaser shall be guilty of cutting, taking and carrying away, from off said lands, a greater quantity of timber than has been purchased at any sale made as aforesaid, for every such offence he, she or they, shall, upon conviction, forfeit and pay, for every cord of wood or hundred fence rails so cut, taken and carried away, over and above the quantity purchased at such sale, the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered before a justice of the peace, the one half of which said sum shall be paid to the informer, and the other half to the owner or owners of said land, and shall also be liable to the owner or owners of said land, in such further sum as may be awarded to him, her or them, in their action for damages; *Provided*, that where the damages laid by said owner or owners shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the same shall be recovered in the same manner as other small debts are now by law recovered.

Proviso

CHAP. CX.

Passed Feb 26 1827 An Act to encourage the Destruction of Crows in the several Counties therein mentioned.

Allowance for crows heads

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any person residing in Talbot, Calvert, Prince George's, or Harford counties, shall bring to any justice of the peace of the county in which such person shall reside, the head or heads of any crow or crows, killed after the passage of this act, such person shall, for every such head, be allowed in the county levy of said county the following sums, to wit. In Talbot county six and one fourth cents, and in Calvert, six and one fourth cents, and in Prince George's, six and one fourth cents, and in Harford county, six and one fourth cents, for each head; and the justice of the peace before whom such head or heads shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person or persons bringing the same, a certificate thereof, and cause the said head or heads to be burnt, or otherwise to be destroyed, in the presence of person or persons on delivery.

To make oath that they were killed in county

2. *And be it enacted*, That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to any allowance for any such head or heads without first making oath, or affirmation, as the case be, that such crow or crows were taken and killed in the county where such certificate is applied for, since the passage of this act, and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and that it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace, before whom such head or heads may be brought by virtue of this act, to take and receive the oath, or affirmation, of the party bringing the same, free and clear from all charges against the person or persons making such oath, or affirmation, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.