

and the preceding sections, the land may be taken up by any other person under a proclamation warrant or escheat warrant, as the case may be.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after the first day of June, 1918.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

CHAPTER 152.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 39A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Forestry", to follow immediately after Section 16 of said article, to be known as Section 16A, the same fixing the measure of damages for the unlawful injury or destruction of merchantable trees or timber.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 39A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Forestry", to follow immediately after Section 16 of said Article, to be known as Section 16A, and the same to read as follows:

16A. Every person, his aiders, abettors and counsellors, who shall wilfully, negligently, recklessly, wrongfully or maliciously enter upon lands or premises, not his or their own, and, without the permission or authority of the owners of said lands or premises, shall cut, burn or otherwise injure and destroy or cause or procure to be cut, burned or otherwise injured and destroyed, any merchantable trees or timber thereon, shall be liable to the party or parties injured or aggrieved thereby to an amount equal to double the value of such trees or timber so cut, burned, or otherwise injured or destroyed, such damages to be recovered in a civil action, as in any other case.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from and after June 1, 1918.

Approved April 10th, 1918.

CHAPTER 153.

AN ACT to authorize and empower the State of Maryland, through the State Board of Prison Control, a body corporate of the State of Maryland, to convey to the Baltimore and