

CHAPTER 114.

Passed Feb. 12, 1862. AN ACT to add new sections to Article thirty of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, Crimes and Punishments, to provide for the punishment of persons, who may sell articles of merchandize, being transported on Canals, Railroads or Highways, without the consent of the owner thereof.

Additional sections. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following sections be added to Article thirty of the Code of Public General Laws, entitled, "Crimes and Punishments," to take place next after section forty-nine of said Article:

Sale of property, being transported on canals, &c., without consent of owner, unlawful. 1. If any person or persons engaged in transporting Coal, Iron, Lumber, or other articles of merchandize, or any property whatever, on any Highway, River, Railroad or Canal, within this State, shall sell, dispose of, give away, use or pledge the same or any part thereof, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof, such person or persons, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail of the county in which the offence is committed, for a term not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court.

Fraudulent purchaser—penalty, &c. 2. If any person or persons, shall purchase or fraudulently receive, without the consent of the owner or owners of such property, any Coal, Iron, Lumber, or other articles of merchandize, or any property whatever, consigned to any person in this State or any other State, or the District of Columbia, knowing the same to be so consigned, from any captain of a Canal boat, or any other person engaged in transporting the said property, he, she or they, so purchasing, shall be liable to pay such owner or owners double the value of the property so purchased, to be recovered by civil action, before any Justice of the Peace, or in any court having jurisdiction thereof; and the said action