

CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT for the protection of Fish in the Pocomoke river, in Worcester county. Passed March 7, 1862.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person to throw or place into the waters of the Pocomoke river, for the purpose of taking or destroying fish therein, any lime, coculus indicus, otherwise called Indian or Indian cockle, or any other poisonous weed or substance, whether the same is mixed with any other substance or not; every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, before any Justice of the Peace, in the name of the State, such person shall be punished by fine in the discretion of the Justice, of not less than five, nor more than twenty-five dollars, to be collected by any Constable in the district where such offence may have been committed, in the same manner of other small debts; one-half of said fine shall be paid to the informer, and the other half into the public school fund of Worcester county; *provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be intended to apply to any of the waters of said river, below a point called and known by the name of Porter's Bridge.

Fish in Pocomoke river—provision for their protection.

Proviso.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted,* That any person deeming himself or herself aggrieved by any judgment of a Justice of the Peace under this act, shall be entitled to an appeal to the Circuit Court of the county, as in other cases of appeal from judgments of Justices of the Peace.

Appeal.

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

In force.