

good latches. or other convenient fastening, to said gate or gates as aforesaid, and also shall keep that part of the said road they occupy in good order and repair, so as to impede as little as possible persons travelling with carriages of pleasure or burthen. CHAP. 126.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons, after the passage of this act, shall cut down, wilfully leave open or remove, any of the said gates, they shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, forfeit and pay to the owner of such gate a sum not less than one or more than five dollars for every such offence, to be recovered as small debts are out of court. Penalty for removing them

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any slave shall cut down, destroy, injure, or wilfully leave open, any or either of the gates aforesaid, which shall have been, or may be set up or kept by virtue of this act, such slave shall be punished for every such offence, on conviction thereof before a justice of the peace by the oath of one or more witnesses, by whipping, in the discretion of said justice, not exceeding for each offence the number of ten lashes; *Provided always*, that the master or mistress of such slave, or any other person in their behalf, may redeem said slave so convicted, from such punishment, by the payment of the fine, to the owner of such gate or gates, imposed by this act upon free persons for like offences; *And provided also*, that no free citizen shall be fined, or slave punished, under the provisions of this act, in any case whereon such gate or gates shall be found carelessly standing open, or not hung upon good iron hinges, or otherwise in bad order and repair. Punishment of slaves injuring them

CHAP. CXXVII.

An Act for the Compensation of the Judges of Baltimore County Court. Passed Mar 7, 1829

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That as a compensation for the additional services required of the judges of Baltimore county court, by an act, entitled, An act for the despatch of business in Baltimore county court, there shall be paid by the treasurer of the western shore, out of the monies received by him from the clerk of Baltimore county court, under the eighth section of the said act, to each of the said judges, the sum of eight hundred dollars annually, by quarterly payments, in addition to their salaries as established by an act passed at November session eighteen hundred and five, entitled, An act to establish permanent salaries for the judges of the judicial districts of this state; *Provided* the amount so paid over to the treasurer by the clerk as aforesaid shall be sufficient for that purpose, but should there be a deficiency in Additional salaries