

## CHAP. 127.

any year, then the said judges shall be entitled to the sum actually received by the treasurer during that year, to be equally divided among them, in addition to their permanent salaries as aforesaid, and to no more, and any excess of the amount so received by the treasurer, in any year, after the payment of the said sum of eight hundred dollars to each of the said judges, shall be and enure to the benefit of the state.

## CHAP. CXXVIII.

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*An Act to Preserve the Breed of Fish in the Waters of the River Patuxent.*

No person to whip, thresh, &amp;c waters

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to whip, thresh or beat, the waters of the Patuxent river, with any poles, oars, paddles, ropes, or any other instrument, for the purpose of driving fish into any sein or net.

Not lawful to stake seines

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to stake down any seine or net across the Patuxent river for the purpose of taking shad or herrings.

Penalty

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any free person or persons shall be guilty of any of the offences recited in this act, he shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace for the state of Maryland as other small debts are recovered, one half to the use of the informer, the other half to the state; and if committed by any slave or slaves, he or they shall be taken before some justice of the peace and be punished, in his discretion, not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, unless the owner of such slave shall pay the fine herein imposed for every offence as aforesaid.

## CHAP. CXXIX.

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*A Supplement to an act, entitled, An act to amend the Lottery System.*

Not lawful to draw lotteries unless approved of by commissioners

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons within this state, to draw or cause to be drawn, any lottery or lotteries, or scheme of any lottery or lotteries, or other device, or game of chance, or to notify the public of any lottery or lotteries, or scheme of any lottery or lotteries, or other device, or game of chance, unless such lottery or lotteries, or scheme of any lottery or lotteries, or other device or game of chance, shall have been first approv-