

CHAP. 128. sale shall be appropriated in the first instance to the payment of the penalties above, to the person so taking and impounding the same, and the balance, if any, to the owner or owners.

Exemption.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall be sued for killing or impounding any hog or goose, found going at large in said town, such person may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter, as evidence.

CHAPTER 129.

Passed Feb 22, 1870. *An act to encourage the destruction of Crows, in Charles and Prince George's counties.*

Ten cents - certificate.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland.* That if any person residing in Charles and Prince George's counties, shall bring to any justice of the peace of the county in which such person shall reside, the head or heads of any crow or crows, such person shall, for every such head or heads, be allowed, in the county levy of said county, the sum of ten cents: and the justice of the peace before whom such head or heads shall be brought, is hereby required to give the person or persons bringing the same, a certificate thereof, and cause the said head or heads to be burnt, or otherwise destroyed.

Oath required.

Sec. 2. *Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted*, That no person whatsoever shall be entitled to any allowance for any such head or heads, without first making oath or affirmation, as the case may be, that such crow or crows were taken and killed in the county where such certificate is applied for, since the passage of this act and that no certificate hath been obtained from any other justice of the peace for the same; and it shall be the duty of each and every justice of the peace, before whom such head or heads may be brought by virtue of this act, to take and receive the oath or affirmation of the party bringing the same, without fee, and clear from all charges against the person or persons making such oath or affirmation any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Repeal.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the law passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, chapter six, entitled, "an act for the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned," and an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter one hundred and ten, entitled, "an act to encourage the destruction of crows in the several counties therein mentioned," so far as they or either of them, relate to Charles' and Prince George's counties, be and the same are hereby repealed.