

CHAPTER 143.

CHAP. 144.

An act for the protection of Fish, in the Patuxent River, and its tributary streams. Passed Feb 28, 1842.

SECTION 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, except the citizens residing in the counties bordering on the said river and its tributaries, or who may be permitted to do so by persons owning or occupying lands on said river, or its tributaries hereafter to erect, or cause to be erected, fixed, or hauled in the aforementioned river, or its tributaries, any gill net, seine, or other obstruction; and every person so offending, and being convicted thereof before a justice of the peace, or magistrates court, adjoining the water course in which the offence has been committed, shall forthwith pay the sum of twenty dollars; and he shall moreover be deemed guilty of a nuisance, and the justice of the peace, or magistrate shall cause the obstruction to be removed, and in case the offender shall fail to pay the fine aforesaid, the justice or magistrates court, as the case may be, shall take the gill net, seine, and boat, together with the fishing tackle and apparatus, and all things on board at the time and sell the same to the highest bidder, after five days notice.

Fine and seizure for hauling.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That after the payment of costs of prosecution of offenders under this law, the balance arising from the fine and sale of the boat, seine and other articles herein before mentioned, shall be apportioned in the following manner to wit: one fourth thereof to the sheriff or other officer making the arrest or seizure, and the balance among those whom he may have summoned, and who have aided in the same.

Fine and distribution.

CHAPTER 144.

A further additional supplement to an act entitled, an act to provide for the repair of the Public Roads, in Montgomery County. Passed Feb 28, 1842.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners for Montgomery county, be authorized and required to appoint annually, in the month of April, such number of supervisors for the several election districts of said county, as they in their discretion may think the public interest requires, and to fill at any

Commissioners to appoint etc.—fill vacancies.