

**CHAP. 142** true copy of the original writ which was filed in said cause shall have the same effect and operation in law as the original writs in said cases would have had, if the same had not been lost.

Clerk to file copy. **SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That in all the said cases in which there had been filed a declaration, plea, cause of action or other original paper which has been lost, the said clerk be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to file in lieu of such lost declaration, plea, cause of action or other original paper, a copy thereof in all cases in which from the memoranda in his possession he is able to furnish such copy.

Clerk to certify to copy. **SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That any such copy so filed as aforesaid with the certificate thereon of the said clerk certifying that the same is a true copy of the original which had been filed in said cause shall have the same effect and operation in law to all intents and purposes as the original paper in such cause would have had.

Made valid. **SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That in the event the said lost papers shall be found or restored to the office of the said clerk, as they were before they were lost, then the said papers shall be regarded as valid in law, and shall be considered as a part of the original papers and records of said Caroline county court, and in case there should be an appeal from any of the said causes, then the said lost papers not having been found, the said copies so prepared and reorded according to the intent and purpose of this act, shall be regarded by the court to which such appeal shall have been taken, as valid to all intents and purposes.

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CHAPER 142.

Passed Feb. 17, 1844. *An act for the preservation of Fish in the waters of Talbot, Dorchester and Coroline counties.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS sundry persons, from parts unknown have heretofore frequented the waters of Talbot, Dorchester and Caroline counties, and with immense and improper seines, have been engaged in catching and taking fish; AND WHEREAS, the quantity of fish is fast diminishing in the said waters, and it is wise and prudent that some effectual means should be adopted, if possible, to preserve the breed thereof; AND WHEREAS, non-residents of this state, have been in the habit of fishing in the said waters, and destroying great numbers of young and small fish, and besides have on various occasions, landed on the shores