

of the said waters and committed sundry depredations upon the good people of this state, and have made their escape before any legal process could reach them:—
Therefore,

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SECTION 1. *Et it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the day of the passage of this law, it shall not be lawful for any persons, other than residents of this state, to take or catch fish, within the waters of Talbot, Dorchester or Caroline counties, with seines of any description whatever, nor for residents of this state, other than citizens of the said counties, to take or catch fish within the said waters, with seines having meshes of a size less than five inches square.

Non-residents forbid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for every offence against the provisions of this law, the offending party, upon proof adduced before a justice of the peace of either of the said counties, who is hereby authorized and required to issue a State's warrant to be directed to the sheriff, or some constable of either of the said counties, against said offending party, and to hear and determine the case, and upon conviction of the same, shall be subject to a fine of not less than five nor more than fifty dollars, to be levied upon the body, goods and chattles of the offending party, and the said justice shall adjudge and determine, and condemn as forfeited, the boat or vessel, in possession of the offending party together with the seine, used in violation of this law, and all the furniture, tackle and apparel, and all things on board, at the time of her seizure, and shall direct the said sheriff or constable, to sell the same to the highest bidder for cash, after ten days notice, at two of the most public places in the neighborhood.

Justice to issue state's warrant.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That after the payment of the costs of prosecution of the offending party under this law, the balance arising from the fine and sale of the boat or other articles herein before mentioned, shall be apportioned in the following manner, to wit: one fourth thereof, to the sheriff or constable making the arrest or seizure, and the residue amongst those whom he may have been summoned and who have aided in the same, to be determined and awarded by the justice of the peace trying the cause.

Distribution of fine.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained, shall be so construed to deprive any party, who may feel aggrieved by any judgment rendered against him, by any justice as aforesaid, from his right to appeal to the county court, under the existing provisions of the law, governing the right of appeal and subject to the usual regulations and proceedings in relation to appeals from judgments of justices of the peace.

Right of appeal.