

## CHAP. 104.

## CHAPTER 103.

Passed Mar. 17, 1840. *An act for the protection of Oysters in Somerset County.*

**Preamble** WHEREAS, it is represented to this General Assembly that a destructive practice prevails of catching oysters within the waters of Somerset county, solely for the purpose of manuring land, and the destruction of the oysters will be inevitable in said waters, unless the same be prohibited by law—therefore,

**Unlawful to take oysters for manure** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the last day of April next, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to take oysters within the waters of Somerset county for the purpose of manuring land.

**Purchase of oysters for manure forbid** SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the last day of April next, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, in Somerset county, or for any person or persons whatever, to purchase any oysters for the purpose of manuring land, from any person or persons, when said oysters have been caught within the waters of Somerset county; *provided,* that the person or persons purchasing the same, be acquainted with the fact that the said oysters were caught as aforesaid.

**Proviso**

**Penalty for violation**

**Recoverable,**

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons violating any of the sections of this act, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than ten dollars nor more than twenty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace in Somerset county; one-half of said penalty thus to be imposed by said justice, shall be for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the school fund in Somerset county.

## CHAPTER 104.

Passed Mar. 17, 1840. *An act to divide the First Election District of Anne Arundel County.*

**Commissioners to divide, &c** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Doctor Martin Fenwick, Rinaldo Pindell, George Gale, John S. Sellman and Alexander Franklin, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to divide the first election district of Anne Arundel county into two districts, and to ascertain and fix the lines of said dis-