

CHAPTER 29.

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A further additional supplement to an act entitled an act for the preservation of wild fowl in the Potomac River, and its tributary streams, passed at December session eighteen hundred and thirty-two, chapter one hundred and thirty-four.

Passed Mar. 18,
1840.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases hereafter when any creditable white person shall make affidavit in substance that he has good reason to suspect and does believe, that some person or persons are engaged in violating the laws to which this is a further supplement, it shall be the duty of any justice of the peace before whom such affidavit is made, to issue his warrant directed to any constable or the sheriff of the county, commanding him to arrest and have before him or some other justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, any person or persons who may be found violating the laws of the State of Maryland for the preservation of wild fowl in the Potomac river and its tributary streams, or who from circumstances or information may be suspected by the said officer of intending to violate or having violated said laws, and also to take into possession all vessels, boats, guns and apparatus, powder and shot, which may be found in possession of the person or persons so seized, and to this purpose commanding said officer to summon, if needed, a sufficient number of able bodied inhabitants of the county to aid in carrying out such warrant.

Justice of peace
to issue war-
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persons violat-
ing the law in
regard to wild
fowl.

To take posses-
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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of any officer to whom such warrant may be directed to execute the same with all practicable speed, and in default thereof, from neglect or remissness, he shall forfeit for each and every failure to execute such warrant, the sum of fifty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace for the State of Maryland in the name of the said State, one half for the use of the informer and the other half for the use of the county.

Upon neglect to
execute war-
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How recovered

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That for every offence committed against the provisions of this law, or of the existing laws for the preservation of wild fowl in the Potomac river and its tributary streams, the justice of the peace before whom such offender or offenders may be brought, shall upon conviction on proof of a violation of the law, entitled an act for the preservation of wild fowl in the Potomac

Fine imposed