

**CHAP. 10.** as full force as if the citizens of said town, had not failed to comply with the requisitions of said law, *provided*, they meet and elect on the first Monday of April, eighteen hundred and thirty eight, all necessary officers.

### CHAPTER 10.

Passed January, 1838. *An act to prevent the destruction of wild fowl in the head waters of the Chesapeake Bay, in the several counties therein mentioned.*

**WHEREAS**, it has become necessary and proper to protect the wild fowl within the waters of Cecil, Kent and Queen Ann's counties, including the Susquehanna and Wye rivers, from careless and unlimited destruction:—Therefore,

Firing prohibited except &c.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of September next, no person or persons shall shoot at wild fowl in the waters of Cecil, Kent or Queen Ann's counties, including the Susquehanna and Wye rivers, by night, from any skiff, float or other boat with a gun of any description whatever, nor in the day time from any skiff, float or other boat, with any gun which cannot conveniently be fired at arms length without rest.

Proceedings against offenders

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of any justice of the peace, adjacent to said waters, upon sight thereof, or upon information given him upon oath, that any person or persons are violating or have violated the provisions of this act, to issue a warrant to the Sheriff or a constable of the county in which he resides, for the immediate apprehension of such person or persons, and if such person or persons when apprehended and brought before a justice of the peace, shall stand convict, then such person or persons so offending, shall forfeit the skiff, float or other boat and gun, to the informer and pay a fine of not less than ten dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, one half to the informer, and the other half to the county in which the offence, shall have been committed.

Forfeiture

Penalties