graph, injure or destroy any of the poles, wires or other works of the telegraph companies, now incorporated or which may hereafter be incorporated in this State, shall be subject to presentment in the county court of the county in which such injury may have been committed, or in Baltimore city court, said injuries having been committed within the limits of Baltimore city, and upon conviction shall be liable to a penalty of not more than five hundred or less than fifty dollars, or confinement in the county or city jail, as the case may be, for not more than twelve or less than three months, at the discretion of the court.

Inconsistent acts repealed.

SEC. 2. Be it enacted, That all laws heretofore passed, imposing fines or penalties for the offences herein provided against, shall be and the same are hereby repealed.

## CHAPTER 31.

Passed An act to make valid a deed of lease from Hugh McEl-Jan. 25, 1848. dery and Margaret P. his wife, and William C. Doged, to Elizabeth Sherwood.

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Made valid.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the certificate of acknowledgment of a deed of lease from Hugh McEldery and Margaret P. McEldery his wife, and William C. Doged, to Elizabeth Sherwood, bearing date on the twenty-eighth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, and recorded among the land records of Baltimore county, in liber T. K. number three hundred and twenty-two, folio eighty-seven, and so forth, be and the same is hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid as though the said acknowledgment had been made and certified in every particular in conformity with the provisions of the laws of this State, relating to acknowledgments of deeds.