

say, the decoy ducks, sink boats, sneak boats, crafts or floats, the gun or guns, ammunition, and all other property found in the possession or use of such person or persons at the time of the arrest and seizure, together with the boat or vessel, and all things on board or belonging to the same, employed to convey the said person or persons to any of the aforesaid waters, for the purpose of making use of any or all the above enumerated articles in the manner aforesaid, and all which said articles, boat or vessel, and all other property seized and taken by virtue of this law, shall be condemned and sold, and the proceeds distributed as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any sheriff, constable, or commissioned militia officers of Kent county, who shall be satisfied, either upon his own view, or from information received of any other person, whether on oath or not, that any person or persons have violated any of the provisions of this law, such officer shall be and he is hereby authorised and empowered to arrest and take into his custody such person or persons so offending, and the boatmen found on board or belonging to the boat or vessel employed to convey any or all of such offenders to Kent county for the purpose of shooting at or killing wild ducks or wild fowl in any description in contravention of this act, and he shall seize and take into his possession the said boat or vessel, and all the appurtenances belonging to the same, and all the articles and other property enumerated in the first section of this act, and the said officers shall carry the said person or persons, so arrested, before a justice of peace of Kent county, representing to the justice the breach of law committed, and the said justice shall be and he is hereby authorised to take cognizance of the offence then charged, and he shall docket a case in the name of the State, against each person in the custody of the said officers, and immediately have summoned before him the witness or witnesses in the case or cases, and shall examine the said witness or witnesses on oath, and any person or persons who aided the said officer in making the arrest and seizure, shall be a competent witness against the parties charged, and the said justice shall inquire fully into the alleged offence, of which finding decoy ducks, sink boats, sneak boats or floats on board of the said boat or vessel employed as aforesaid, or in the possession or use of the person or persons charged with offending against this law, shall be considered as prima facie evidence of guilt, and after a full investigation of the case or cases, if the justice shall think the charge groundless, he shall immediately dis-

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Duty of sheriff, etc., upon being made acquainted with violation of this act