

CHAPTER 3.

Passed Feb. 10, 1854. AN ACT to protect Wild Ducks and other wild fowl, in the rivers, creeks and waters of Anne Arundel county.

Fine.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person or persons shall use any sink boats, sneak boats, or floats, in any of the rivers, creeks, or waters of Anne Arundel county, while engaged in shooting at or killing wild ducks or other wild fowl, he or they shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars for each and every offence; and all things hereinafter enumerated which shall have been used in violation of this law shall be forfeited; that is to say: the 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, craft or float, 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 or use of any or all of the above enumerated articles in the manner aforesaid; and all which said articles, boat, craft or float, and all other property seized and taken by virtue of this law, shall be condemned and sold, and the proceeds distributed as hereinafter provided.

Things enumerated.

Authority to arrest.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any sheriff, constable or commissioned militia officer, of Anne Arundel county, who shall be satisfied, either upon his own view or from information received of any other person on oath, 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 float employed, to convey any or all of such offenders to Anne Arundel county, for the purpose of shooting at or killing wild ducks, or wild fowl of any description, in contravention of this act; and he shall seize and take into his possession the said boat or craft, 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 the peace of Anne Arundel 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

Justice to take cognizance.