

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That one-half of the capital stock of said Bank, shall be subscribed and bona fide held by residents and citizens of Washington county, and that the said Bank shall not be organized unless one-half of the capital stock necessary to put it into operation, shall be so subscribed and held.

One-half capital stock to be held by citizens of Washington county.

CHAPTER 172.

AN ACT to regulate fisheries in the waters of the Potomac river within the jurisdiction of Maryland, and to protect the breed of fish therein.

Passed Mar. 10, 1854.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* The fishing season for shad and herring in the waters of the Potomac river for each and every year shall be as follows: from the mouth of said river to Mattawoman creek, in Charles county, at any time between the first day of March and the third day of May; from said creek to the line dividing Prince George's and Charles counties, between the first day of March and the eighth day of May, and from said line to the District of Columbia, between the first day of March and the fifteenth day of May, and within no other periods of the year.

Time for fishing.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons shall haul, drift, anchor or stake any gill nets, seine or seines of any description, other than those commonly denominated market seines for summer and winter fish, and the drifting sturgeon nets not less than eight inches mesh at any time not within the period fixed by the first section of this act, he or they shall forfeit all the boats, seines and fixtures then in his or their possession, and be fined a sum not less than fifty, or more than one hundred dollars for each and every offence upon conviction before a justice of the peace of the county where the same may occur, and the said person or persons shall be committed to the custody of the

Forfeiture.