

have the right to be heard with his proof, before said justice of the peace against such suppression, and the matter shall be tried and determined by the said justice of the peace, according to the justice and right of the matter, and no license once suppressed shall be granted to the same person.

Penalty for using boat without a license.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any person of color, on the shores of the Potomac river of Charles or Prince George's county, who shall have or use any boat on the said river without a license as above provided for, shall upon conviction before any justice of the peace of the respective counties, be fined not less than five or more than fifty dollars and costs, and the boat be forfeited and sold by order of said justice of the peace, and the said fine and forfeiture be collected and paid to the county commissioners of the respective counties.

Slave to be punished.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That any slave, of Charles or Prince George's counties, who shall have or use any boat in crossing said river or going to Alexandria or District of Columbia, without a special written permit of his master or owner, shall upon conviction before a justice of the Peace of the respective counties, be sentenced to receive not less than ten nor more than twenty lashes, and the boat, unless it belongs *bona fide* to a white citizen, without notice of the user, shall be forfeited as above.

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