

Passed Jan. 15. An ACT to prevent hogs and geese going at large in the town of William's Port, in Washington county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that the running at large of hogs and geese in William's Port is injurious to the inhabitants of said town; therefore,

No person to raise hogs, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first Monday in March next, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever to raise or keep any hogs within said town, except in enclosures, or to suffer any hogs to go and remain at large therein; and if any hogs, the property of the inhabitants of William's Port, shall be found going and remaining at large within said town, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to kill or impound the same, and if impounded, such persons shall immediately give notice, by advertisements set up at the most public places in said town, describing the hogs so impounded, and if the owner or owners shall not, within five days thereafter, prove his or their property therein, and make compensation for the injury, if any, which may have been sustained by any inhabitants of said town, to be ascertained by any two disinterested persons, inhabitants as aforesaid, and shall not pay for every such hog the sum of two shillings for every day it shall have been so impounded, it may be lawful for the person or persons so impounding as aforesaid to sell or kill the same for his or their benefit.

No person to raise geese, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That from and after the passing of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, inhabitants of said town, to raise or keep any geese within said town, except in enclosures, or to suffer any geese to go and remain at large therein; and if any geese belonging to the inhabitants thereof shall be found going and remaining at large within said town, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to kill or impound the same, and if impounded, such persons shall immediately give notice, by advertisement set up at the most public places in said town, describing the geese so impounded, and if the owner or owners shall not, within five days thereafter, prove his or their property therein, and make compensation for the injury, if any, which may have been sustained by any inhabitants of the said town, to be ascertained by any two disinterested persons, inhabitants as aforesaid, and shall not pay for every such goose the sum of six-pence for every day it shall have been so impounded, it may be lawful for the person or persons so impounding as aforesaid to sell or kill the same for his, her or their benefit.

Persons sued may plead, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall be sued and impleaded for killing, destroying and selling, any such hog or geese as aforesaid, the defendant or defendants may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence.

Passed Jan. 15.

An ACT to pay the civil list, and other expences of civil government.

Preamble.

WHEREAS those who dedicate their time, abilities and labour, to the public, ought to receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for their services,

Officers salaries.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following officers of civil government for the time being shall be entitled to receive at the rate of the following salaries, in current money, for the ensuing year, to wit: The treasurer of the western shore, two thousand dollars; the treasurer of the eastern shore, four hundred and fifty dollars; the auditor, eight hundred dollars; the clerk of the council, seven hundred dollars; the clerk of the senate, one hundred and fifty dollars; the clerk of the house of delegates, three hundred dollars; the printer to the state, fourteen hundred dollars; the messenger to the council, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Monies to be first applied.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all monies which shall remain in the treasury, after discharging the journal of accounts, and all unappropriated money which may come into the treasury, be first applied to the payment of the civil list for the ensuing year.

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An ACT for the destruction of wolves in Frederick county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that wolves are very numerous and mischievous in the county aforesaid, and that they destroy a great number of sheep, therefore,

Justices to give a certificate, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That when and as often as any free person or persons shall bring before any justice of the peace for Frederick county the head or heads of any wolf or wolves, and make oath, or affirmation if a quaker, menonist or tunker, that the wolf or wolves of which he or they produce the head or heads were actually caught and killed within the limits of Frederick county, within six days next before the producing the same to such justice, that then such justice shall and he is hereby authorized and directed to give such person or persons producing the same a certificate for such head or heads produced and proved as aforesaid, and in such certificate to mention the oath or affirmation taken, and therein distinguish how many of the heads are of old or young wolves; and every justice who shall have any wolves head or heads brought before him by any person or persons as aforesaid, shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to judge of the age of the said wolf or wolves of which the said head or heads was brought before him, and if such justice shall believe the age of such wolf or wolves to exceed six months, that then he shall distinguish it in his certificate by the words Old Wolf or Wolves, but if he shall believe the said wolf or wolves to be under the age of six months, that then he shall distinguish the same in his certificate by the words Young Wolf or Wolves; and that every justice before whom any wolf's head is brought, and by whom a certificate shall be given as aforesaid, is hereby authorized and directed immediately to cause the ears to be cut off, and the tongue to be taken out of and from the head or heads of such wolf or wolves, to prevent such head or heads from being a second time carried before a justice in order to obtain a certificate.