

this act and the intention of this general assembly into full execution. C H A P. XXXII, XXXIII.

XIV. This act to continue and be in force until the end of the next session of assembly. Continuance.

C H A P. XXXIII.

An ACT to prohibit the going at large swine and geese in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that sundry persons, inhabiting and residing in Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, do raise and keep a great number of hogs in the town, to the great detriment of the inhabitants thereof; And whereas the raising of geese may be equally detrimental, Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no person or persons whatsoever, living, or that shall hereafter live, in the said town, shall, after the end of this present session of assembly, under any pretence whatsoever, keep or support within the said town any swine or geese, belonging to themselves or any other person whatsoever, unless such swine or geese be kept within such person or persons enclosure so keeping or supporting such swine or geese. Persons not to keep swine, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That in case any person or persons whatsoever, living, or that shall hereafter live, in the said town, shall, after the end of this present session of assembly, suffer any swine or geese, belonging to themselves, or to any other person under their care, to go at large within the said town, it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons to take up the said swine or geese so going at large within the town aforesaid, and to make information to some justice of the peace within the said town, which said justice is hereby authorized and required, upon the oath, or affirmation (if a quaker, menonist, or dunker) of one or more credible witness or witnesses, that the said swine or geese were taken up going at large as aforesaid, within the town aforesaid, and to adjudge the same to be forfeited, the one half to the use of the person or persons taking up the same, and the other half to the use of the commissioners of the said town, to be applied to the amending and repairing the streets of the said town. Swine, &c. going at large to be forfeited, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That such person or persons, suffering any swine or geese to go at large within the said town, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of five pounds common money, to be recovered before any justice of the peace aforesaid, and to be applied to the amending and repairing the streets aforesaid. Penalty for suffering swine, &c. to go at large.

V. And, For the ascertaining the value of such swine and geese as shall or may be forfeited in virtue of this act:

VI. Be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the clerk of the market in the town aforesaid, and he is hereby authorized and required to sell and dispose of the said swine and geese, forfeited as aforesaid, Clerk of market to sell swine, &c. forfeited, &c.

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