

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any wreck-master shall, by fraud or wilful neglect, abuse the trust reposed in him, he shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay four times the damages to the party aggrieved, to be recovered, with costs, by action on the case, in any court of record, and shall thenceforth be incapable of acting as a wreck-master; any constable, or person summoned by him, refusing or neglecting to give the assistance required for the saving of any vessel, or the cargo, shall forfeit and pay, to the use of Worcester county, the sum of ten pounds, to be recovered before any justice by the wreck-master ordering the duty, and shall be moreover subject to the payment of the same damages, and to be recovered by the party aggrieved in the same manner, as in the case of a wreck-master; the wreck-master shall set up a copy of this act once in every year in the court-house of the said county.

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Penalty for being guilty of fraud, &c.

IV. PROVIDED ALWAYS, AND BE IT ENACTED, That the wreck-master appointed by virtue of this act shall give bond and security, in the court of the county where he resides, in the sum of one thousand pounds, for the due and faithful execution of his office; and that it shall not be lawful for such wreck-master to enter upon the duties of his office before he gives bond and security as aforesaid.

Proviso.

C H A P. LXXXIII.

An additional supplementary act to the act to regulate public ferries.

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Preamble.

WHEREAS since the passage of the original act to regulate public ferries, divers individuals have set up ferries, which have been found beneficial to the public, and ought to be regulated by law, and it may happen, that by the alteration of old roads, or the laying out of new roads, leading to creeks and rivers, it may be necessary to establish new ferries, in order to render such roads serviceable to the community, and in every such case such new ferries ought also to be regulated by law; therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in any case where individuals have set up new ferries since the passage of the said original act, which have been found beneficial and expedient, it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the county court of the county respectively where in such ferry shall have been so set up, and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to establish and regulate such ferry agreeably to the respective acts of assembly provided in such cases, and to ascertain the prices of ferriage, and the number of boats and hands to be employed, and to require the recognizance of any person keeping the same, in like manner, to all intents and purposes, as if such ferry had been kept and established at the time of the passage of the said original act.

Ferries set up to be established, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That when and so often as it shall happen, that by the lawful alteration of an old road, or the opening of a new road, leading to any creek or river, a communication over and across the same, by means of a ferry, shall, in the judgment of the respective county courts, be deemed useful and necessary, in every such case it shall be lawful for the justices of the said county courts, and they are respectively hereby authorized and empowered, to establish and regulate a public ferry at every such place, and to license any approved person or persons to keep the same, and to ascertain the prices of ferriage thereat, and the number of boats and hands to be employed, and to require recognizances, with sufficient securities, for keeping the same, in like manner, to all intents and purposes, as the said courts are now required by law to do in cases of ferries heretofore established.

New ferries may be established, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons whatever shall, after the first day of April next, presume to keep a ferry for hire or reward at any place where a ferry is now, or shall hereafter be established, without obtaining a licence, and entering into a recognizance, and complying with the several requisites directed by the existing laws in relation to ferries, every such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars for every offence, and moreover shall be subject to all and singular the like penalties as are imposed upon licensed ferrymen for neglect of duty.

Penalty for keeping ferry without licence, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if the proprietor or proprietors of the land at any place now used as a public ferry, or where a public ferry may hereafter be established or set up according to the provisions of this act, shall refuse or neglect for the space of two months to take out a licence agreeably to this act, or to rent the houses and land commonly used with, or necessary for, such ferry, to some person to be approved of by the said court, who will take out a licence for the same, or be under any disability to take out a licence, or to rent as aforesaid, by reason whereof the same shall be delayed to be done, to the inconvenience of the public, for the space of three months beyond the an-

Court, in certain cases, may issue a warrant, &c.