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Not to be killed for 3 years.

Persons in whose hands any deer's flesh may be found, to be considered the killer.

Penalty on slaves killing deer;

Proviso

Repeal

2. *And be it enacted*, That after the expiration of the aforesaid term of three years, no person or persons whatsoever shall shoot, kill, or otherwise destroy, any deer, except within the period as prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement.

3. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons whatsoever, in whose hands or custody any deer flesh or deer skin or skins shall be found, that shall appear to have been killed contrary to this act, shall be deemed, taken and adjudged, the killer or destroyer of such deer, and liable to the penalty aforesaid, unless such person or persons shall make it appear who it was that really killed the same, or from whom such person possessed thereof shall have received the same, or that the same was not killed contrary to the provisions of this act.

4. *And be it enacted*, That if any master, mistress or overseer, shall wilfully suffer any servant or servants, slave or slaves, under his, her, or their care and management, to hurt, kill or destroy, any deer, contrary to this act, shall forfeit the sum of forty dollars, to be recovered and applied as before directed; and if any servant or servants, slave or slaves, do or shall hurt, kill or destroy, any deer, contrary to this act, and without the privity and knowledge of their masters, mistress or overseer, and be convicted thereof before any justice of the peace, such servant or servants, slave or slaves, shall be whipped not exceeding thirty-nine lashes, at the discretion of such justice of the peace, *Provided always*, that nothing herein contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, to prevent the owner from killing tame deer, or deer confined in parks.

5. *And be it enacted*, That all laws heretofore passed for the preservation of the breed of wild deer in Somerset and Dorchester counties, repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 162.

Passed Feb 4

Preamble.

Levy for building bridges

An act to provide for building Bridges over Patuxent River.

WHEREAS, it is represented to this general assembly, by the petition of a number of inhabitants of Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties, that it would tend greatly to their accommodation and convenience, and to that of the public generally, if bridges were erected over the Patuxent river, at Queen-Anne, and at the two fording places called the Governor's Bridge, and the Priest's Ford; Therefore,

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the justices of the levy courts of Prince-George's county and Anne-Arundel county, are hereby authorised and empowered, to assess and levy a sum not exceeding fourteen hundred dollars, on the assessable property in their respective counties, at the time of laying their next county rates, together with the commission for collecting the same, which said assessment shall be made, levied, collected and paid, to the commissioners appointed by this act, or to their order, as soon as the same shall become payable by law, as follows, to wit: To the commissioners for building the bridge at Queen-Anne, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars; to the commissioners for building the bridge at the ford called the Governor's Bridge, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars; to the commissioners for building the bridge at the Priest's Ford a sum