

CHAP. 152.

Commissioners appointed.

2. And be it enacted, That Samuel Handy, senior, Joshua Pri-
deaux, William Quinton, John Bacon, and Joshua Duer, shall be
and they are hereby appointed commissioners of the tax for said
county, and the commissioners are hereby authorised and empow-
ered to carry into full effect and operation all the provisions of this
act, and the act of eighteen hundred and twelve, entitled, An act
for the valuation of real and personal property in the several coun-
ties of this state.

CHAPTER 153.

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An act to prohibit the obstruction of the navigation in Wor-
cester and Somerset counties.

Not lawful to un-
load ballast or
erect weirs to ob-
struct navigation.

Sec. 1 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That
from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful to
unload and throw out the ballast of any boat, or vessel, in the na-
vigable rivers and creeks in Worcester or Somerset counties, or to
make or keep any weirs or hedges in said rivers and creeks, so as
thereby the navigation thereof may be obstructed or injured.

Penalty for so do-
ing.

2. And be it enacted, That every person who shall after the
said first day of May next, be found guilty of throwing out
the ballast of any boat or vessel, in any of the navigable ri-
vers or creeks in Worcester and Somerset counties in such man-
ner as may obstruct or tend to injure the navigation thereof, or
prevent boats and vessels from lying along side of the wharfs, or
who shall be found keeping or making any weirs or hedges in the
channels of said rivers or creeks, so as to obstruct the navigation,
or who shall in any manner be found throwing stones, shells, gra-
vel, or other things, into said rivers and creeks, so that the navi-
gation may be obstructed or injured, contrary to the true intent
and meaning of this act, every person so offending shall forfeit
and pay a sum, at the discretion of a justice of the peace, not ex-
ceeding fifty dollars for every such offence, one half to be given to
the informer, and the other half to be paid to the levy courts of the
county where the offence was committed, to be by them applied to
the use of the county.

Fines, how to be
recovered.

3. And be it enacted, That all fines and forfeitures incurred un-
der this act, shall be recovered in the name of the state before a
justice of the peace, in the same manner that small debts are re-
coverable, unless such fine shall exceed fifty dollars.

Justice to issue
warrant for, and
determine, viola-
tions of this act.

4. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of every justice
of the peace in said counties, whenever he shall have knowledge,
or shall be credibly informed, of any violation of this act, to issue
a warrant in the name of the state against the offender or person
charged, directed to some constable, and on the return of such
warrant, and the appearance of the person charged, any justice of
the peace in said counties may hear and determine the matter as
he may deem just and right, and may enter judgment for any fine,
with costs, and issue execution for the same.

Justice to receive
fines, and account
to levy court for
the same.

5. And be it enacted, That any justice of the peace may receive
any fine and costs which he hath laid in pursuance of this act, and
he shall account for the same to the levy court of the county with-
in six months thereafter, under the penalty of two hundred dollars,
except the costs, and such part thereof, as the informer may be en-
titled to, which costs, and part of such fine, shall be paid to the
persons entitled thereto.