

a certain pond of stagnant water that stands upon the lands of the said Jesse Moffitt, who is now a minor, has for the last five months past been impeded by obstructions having been put or placed in an artificial drain that was cut many years since, for the purpose of draining the said pond, by which means the estate of the said minor is injured, and the health of the citizens in that neighbourhood considerably affected, and have prayed relief; therefore,

Water obstructions may be removed.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall and may be lawful for any person or persons that may be injured, or in any manner affected by the water standing upon the lands of Jesse Moffitt, of Kent county, a minor, to remove any obstruction that may be put or placed, or by accident happen to be in an artificial drain that has heretofore been cut for the purpose of draining the lands now belonging to the minor aforesaid, and other lands.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED. That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to enter upon the lands of any other person to open or scour the aforesaid drain, or to remove any obstructions therefrom, without first giving at least ten days notice to the owner or owners of such land, of their intention to remove such impediment as may obstruct the draining of said pond, and if they shall refuse or neglect to remove the same within the time for which the notice shall be given, then it shall be lawful for the person or persons affected to cause any impediment to be removed.

Notice thereof to be given.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any person or persons shall stop up said drain, after the same shall be opened, so as to impede the draining of the aforesaid pond, that he, she or they, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered on warrant in the name of the said county, and for the use of the same, before a justice of the peace, and costs thereon, as small debts are recovered, which fine or fines, when collected, shall be paid over by the constable that may collect the same, to the levy court of said county, who shall apply such fine or fines towards the repair of the public roads in said county.

Penalty on persons stopping up drains.

CHAP. LXVII.

An Act authorising and directing the Levy Court of Harford County to assess and levy a sum of money for the erection of a Room for the reception and safe keeping of Criminals in said County. Lib. TH. No. 3, fol. 396.

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WHEREAS sundry inhabitants of Harford county have, by their petition to this general assembly, set forth, that the gaol of said county is inadequate to the safe keeping of criminals who may be committed thereto, and have prayed that a law may pass directing the levy court of said county to levy a sum of money for the purpose of building a room for the reception and safe keeping of criminals, and the same appearing proper, therefore,

Preamble.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court of Harford county, be and they are hereby authorised and directed, at their first session after the passage of this act, to assess and levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum of money not less than one thousand dollars, for the purpose of erecting and completing a room within the gaol wall, either adjacent to, or disconnected with the old gaol, (as to the persons here-

Levy authorised.