

be recorded in the clerk's office of the superior court of Baltimore city, if the principal office of the said consolidated corporation in this State is located in Baltimore city, or in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for that county in which the principal office of said consolidated company in this State is located, and when said consolidated company is formed it shall be subject to the provisions of this article as far as the same are applicable.

1868, art. 23, sec. 228. 1868, ch. 471, sec 133.

**328.** Persons, associations or corporations, owning any telegraph line doing business within the State, shall receive despatches from and for other telegraph lines, associations and companies, and from and for any individual, and shall transmit such despatches in the manner established by the rules and regulations of such telegraph lines, and in the order in which they are received, with impartiality and good faith, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every neglect or refusal so to do, to be recovered, with costs of suit, in the name and for the benefit of the person or persons sending or desiring to send such despatch; provided, however, that arrangements may be made with the proprietors or publishers of newspapers for transmission of intelligence of general and public interest, for the purpose of publication out of its order.

*Birney v. N. Y. & W Tel. Co.*, 18 Md. 341. *U. S. Tel. Co. v. Galdersleeve*, 29 Md. 232. *Ches. and Pot. Tel. Co. v. B. & O Tel. Co.*, 66 Md. 409.

*Ibid.* sec. 229. 1868, ch. 471, sec 134.

**329.** Any person who shall unlawfully and intentionally injure, molest or destroy any of said lines, posts, piers or abutments, or the materials or property connected with the working of any telegraph lines, shall, on conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county or city jail not exceeding one year, or both, at the discretion of the court before which the conviction shall be had.

*Ibid.* sec. 230. 1868, ch. 471, sec. 135.

**330.** Any person connected with any such corporation in this State, either as clerk, operator messenger, or in any other capacity, who shall wilfully divulge the contents or the nature of the contents of any private communication entrusted to him for transmission or delivery, or who shall wilfully refuse or neglect to transmit or deliver the same shall, on conviction