

1844. THOMAS G. PRATT, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

**CHAP. 287.** at December session, eighteen hundred and fifteen, chapter one hundred and sixty-six, entitled an act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road, commencing at the west end of Fredericktown to Harper's Ferry on the Potomac river, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, chapter two hundred and sixty-eight, be and the same is hereby repealed, except so much thereof as fixes the place where the gate is to be placed by the ridge road.

CHAPTER 287.

Passed March 8, 1845. *An act supplementary to an act entitled, an act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter two hundred and ninety-seven.*

Penalty for injuries done.

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person or persons shall wilfully or maliciously open or close any waste gate, or any gate or wicket of any lock of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, or shall wilfully or maliciously by any means whatever injure, impair, break or destroy any part of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, or any part of its feeders, dams, locks, aqueducts, wastes, waste weirs, culverts, walls embankments, bridges, buildings or other works now constructed or which may hereafter be constructed by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, under the several acts incorporating the said canal company, or amendatory thereof, or supplementary thereto, such person or persons so offending shall for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the said canal company a fine of twenty dollars, to be recovered as hereinafter provided for, and any one or more of them shall also be liable to pay a sum equal to the damage sustained by said company by such injury, to be recovered by said company, if under one hundred dollars, before a single justice of the peace or district court as the case may be, as small debts are now recovered, and if over one hundred dollars, by action in the county court of the county where the injury was committed, and every such offender shall furthermore be subject to indictment in the court of the county in which the offence shall be committed, and upon conviction of such offence shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months in the discretion of the court.