

CHAPTER 189.

AN ACT to extend to Somerset and Worcester counties, the provisions of the act, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter two hundred and sixty, entitled an act to declare certain trespasses, felony, and for other purposes.

Passed
Mar. 10, 1854.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person shall cut down or cause, or induce any person to cut down any timber or tree, of a size not less than those commonly used for hoop poles, with intent to steal the same, or cause or induce any other person to steal the same, or any part thereof, within the limits of Somerset or Worcester counties, every person so offending, his aiders and abettors, having knowledge of such intent to steal, shall be adjudged guilty of felony, and shall be sentenced to such punishment as now is, or hereafter may be prescribed by law, for feloniously stealing goods or chattels, to the value of one tree or trees, which shall be cut down as aforesaid, and of the injury thereby occasioned.

Adjudged
guilty of felony.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That every person who shall advisedly and maliciously with intent to injure the owner of any land, house or building, in the said counties, or cut down any tree, or cut down, break, dig or pull up, or in any manner destroy or injure any growing grain, shrubs, herbs, roots, vines or vegetables, or shall cut, break, pull off, destroy or injure any part of any house or other building, or of any wall or fence, or any ornament or other valuable article attached to any house, or other building, wall or fence in said county, shall on conviction thereof, be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined or imprisoned, or both in the discretion of the court, before which any such person shall be tried and convicted.

Punishment.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage.

In force.