

C H A P. XIV.

An ACT to confirm the title of Edward Lloyd in and to a tract of land in Talbot county, called Soldiers Delight. *PR.*

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An ACT to prevent the obstruction of the navigation of the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that great numbers of wears and hedges have of late been erected in and upon the eastern and north-west branches of Patowmack river, near the town of Bladensburg, to the great injury of the navigation of the said river and of the trade of the said town: Therefore,

Wears, &c. may be pulled down, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That all wears and hedges, already made or hereafter to be made, in the eastern and north-west branches of the river Patowmack, which obstruct or hinder the free navigation thereof, shall be, and are hereby deemed and declared, nuisances, and may be, by any person or persons, pulled down, prostrated and abated, as such.

Not to be erected, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That no person or persons whatsoever shall, after the first day of April next, put, place or make, any wear or hedge, or any other erection, which may injure the navigation in the said eastern or north-west branch of the river Patowmack, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every such offence, to be recovered before any magistrate of the county of Prince-George's, one half to the informer, or him or them that will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to the use of this state.

Penalty on fishing, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons who shall fish any such wear or hedge, already erected, or which shall hereafter be erected, so as to obstruct or injure the navigation in the said eastern or north-west branch of the said river Patowmack, shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of three pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as herein before directed.

Wears not to be erected above Bladensburg, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That all wears and hedges already made, or hereafter to be made, upon the water above the town of Bladensburg, so as to obstruct the natural course of the said water, or to cause the said water to overflow any part of the said town of Bladensburg, shall be deemed and taken to be nuisances, and may be abated as such; and any person making, erecting or fishing, such hedge or wear, after the first day of April next, shall forfeit for every such offence the sum of five pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

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An ACT to ascertain, establish and perpetuate, the bounds of the public grounds at Queen's-town.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the commissioners of Queen-Anne's county, appointed to sell the court-house and prison, with the public grounds, at Queen's-town, cannot sell or dispose of the same without previously settling the bounds thereof: Therefore,

Public grounds to be laid off, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the general assembly of Maryland,* That the commissioners of Queen-Anne's county for laying off the public grounds on Corfica-creek, and for selling the public property at Queen's-town, be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to lay off the public ground at Queen's-town, and make a plot of the same, and to take and reduce to writing all evidence and proof to the bounds and location of the said ground, and the same, with the plot by them made, to record among the records of Queen-Anne's county, in perpetual memory of the said bounds and location.