

129. Any person who shall put, place or make any weir or hedge in the channel or mouth of the northwest branch so as in any manner to injure the navigation thereof, or in and across the northwest fork branch of said river so as to stop the passage of boats, vessels or scows, shall forfeit the sum of twenty dollars, to be recovered before a justice of the peace in the same manner as small debts are recovered, one-half to the informer or person who will sue for the same, the other half to the use of Dorchester county.

130. All weirs and hedges in the channel of the rivers Transquakin and Chicknamacomico, or either of them, which in any manner injure the navigation thereof, shall be deemed nuisances, and any person may take out and destroy them.

131. No free person shall place any weir or hedge in the channel or mouth of either of said rivers so as in any manner to injure the navigation thereof, under the penalty of ten dollars for every such offence, to be recovered before a justice of the peace in the same manner as small debts are recovered, one-half to the informer or person who will sue for the same, the other half to the use of Dorchester county.

132. If any slave, without the direction of his master or overseer, shall erect or place any such weir or hedge in either of said rivers, he shall for every offence, by the judgment of a justice of the peace, be punished with whipping, not exceeding twenty lashes; but the master or any other person may redeem such slave from said punishment by paying the fine imposed for the like offence upon a free person.

EAST NEW MARKET.

133. The citizens of the town of East New Market in Dorchester county are a body politic by the name of "The Commissioners of East New Market," with all the privileges of a body corporate, and have a common seal.

134*. The white male citizens of East New Market of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who have resided in said town for six months preceding the election and are otherwise qualified voters by law, shall on the first Saturday of July, eighteen hundred and sixty, between the hours of twelve o'clock m. and three o'clock p.m., elect five commissioners for said town, who