

1872, ch. 404.

48. It shall and may be lawful for any citizen, having knowledge of the violation of the provisions of said sections, to arrest any person so as aforesaid violating the same, and to bring such offender before any justice of the peace, to be dealt with according to the provisions of this sub-title of this article.

Ibid.

49. If upon the hearing in any case of seizure as aforesaid, the justice of the peace is satisfied that the owner or person having charge of the property so seized, is guilty of violating any of the provisions of sections 44 or 45, then such justice shall adjudge the same to be condemned and sold by the sheriff or any constable, after ten days' public notice; and the justice may proceed *ex parte* to hear and determine any question of forfeiture, if the owner fails to appear after the notice herein required to be given; and in all cases arising under said sections 44 or 45, an appeal may be taken to the circuit court for St. Mary's county, subject to the same laws and rules that govern in other cases of appeal from the decisions of justices of the peace.

Ibid.

50. The sheriff, constable or other party making such seizure of property, if he does not know the name of the owner, or the person having charge thereof, may describe him in said notice as the owner of the property, without naming him; and the justice, if he does not know the name of the owner, may condemn the property as the property of a person guilty of violating the law, without naming such person.

Ibid.

51. The proceeds of the sale of any property forfeited as aforesaid, with all fines imposed and collected under section 46, shall, after paying the expenses of the seizure, condemnation and sale, be divided, one-fourth to the sheriff or any constable making the seizure, one-fourth to those aiding in making the arrest and seizure, and the remaining one-half to the board of school commissioners for St. Mary's county, for the use of the public schools for said county; and when made by any citizen, one-half of the