

of the meeting, may be arrested on view by any peace officer present at such meeting or by any other person present thereto verbally authorized by any Justice of the Peace present thereat, and detained until he can be brought before a Justice of the Peace; and such offender shall, upon conviction thereof before a Justice of the Peace, on the oath of one or more credible witnesses, forfeit and pay such sum of money, not exceeding twenty dollars, as the said Justice may think fit, and costs, within the period specified for the payment thereof, by the convicting Justice at the time of the conviction—and in default of payment, such Justice shall issue his warrant to a constable to levy such fine and costs within a time to be specified in the warrant, and if no sufficient distress can be found, such Justice shall commit the offender to the common gaol of the District, County or place wherein the offence was committed, for any term not exceeding one month, unless the fine and costs be sooner paid.

38. Whosoever assaults and strikes or wounds any magistrate, officer or other person whatsoever, lawfully authorized in or on account of the exercise of his duty, in or concerning the preservation of any vessel in distress, or of any vessel, goods or effects wrecked, stranded, or cast on shore, or lying under water, is guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in the Penitentiary for any term not exceeding seven years, and not less than two years, or to be imprisoned in any other gaol or place of confinement for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour.

Assaulting a magistrate, &c., engaged in preserving wreck.

39. Whosoever assaults any person with intent to commit felony, or assaults, resists, or wilfully obstructs any revenue or peace officer in the due execution of his duty, or any person acting in aid of such officer, or assaults any person with intent to resist or prevent the lawful apprehension or detainer of himself, or of any other person for any offence, is guilty of a misdemeanour, and shall be liable to be imprisoned in any gaol or place of confinement other than a Penitentiary for any term less than two years, with or without hard labour.

Assault with intent to commit felony, or on peace officers, &c.

40. Whosoever beats or uses any violence or threat of violence to any person with intent to deter or hinder him from buying, selling or otherwise disposing of, any wheat or other grain, flour, meal, malt or potatoes, or other produce or goods, in any market or other place, or beats or uses any such violence or threat to any person having the charge or care of any wheat or other grain, flour, meal, malt or potatoes, whilst on the way to or from any city, market town or other place, with intent to stop the conveyance of the same, shall, on conviction thereof before two Justices of the Peace, be liable to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour in any gaol or place of confinement, other than a Penitentiary, for any term not exceeding three months; Provided that no person punished for any such offence by virtue of this section shall be punished for the same offence by virtue of any other law whatsoever.

Assault with intent to obstruct the sale of grain, &c.; or its free passage.

Proviso.