

1862, c. 74 adds the following sections :

Jurisdiction of  
justices of the  
peace.

66. The justices of the peace for Somerset county shall have jurisdiction over, and may take cognizance of actions of assault and battery, where the damages claimed do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, and also criminal jurisdiction in all cases of assault and battery committed in said county, unless it shall appear to the said justices of the peace, upon the hearing of the case, that the said assault and battery was committed with intent to kill.

Right of appeal.

67. In all cases hereafter tried under this act before justices of the peace for said county, either party shall be allowed an appeal to the circuit court for Somerset county, where they shall be tried *de novo*, and all such appeals shall be taken in such manner as is now provided for by law, in other cases of appeals from judgments of justices of the peace.

In force from February 27, 1862.

#### LITTLE ANNAMESSEX RIVER.

1867, c. 295 enacts the following :

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Navigation to  
be unobstruct-  
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68. It shall not be lawful to throw or put into the navigable waters of the Little Annamessex river any stone, earth, shells, timber or other substance tending to fill up the said river or obstruct the navigation between the railroad wharf and Tangier Sound, nor shall it be lawful to anchor or place any boat, vessel, timber, rafts or floats of any kind in said river between said points in the track of inward or outward bound vessels, or to hinder and delay the passage of any such vessels in or out; and any person who shall be guilty of either of the offences mentioned shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars at the discretion of the justice trying the same, to be recovered with costs as other small debts before a

Penalty.