

CHAPTER CXIV.

[H. B. No. 363.]

FOR THE PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND RECORDS
UPON PUBLIC LANDS.

AN ACT to punish the injury or destruction of property and records upon public lands.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington :*Damage to
buildings, etc.

SECTION 1. If any person shall maliciously or wantonly destroy or deface any cabin or other building or place of shelter or any of the contents of such cabin, building or shelter constructed by any person or persons or society of persons upon any public land of the State of Washington, or of the United States within the State of Washington, or upon any land not owned by such person so destroying or defacing the same, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor: *Provided*, That the provisions of this act shall not apply to *bona fide* settlers on government lands.

Damage to
monuments,
records, etc.

SEC. 2. If any person shall maliciously or wantonly remove, destroy or carry away any record or record book or document of any kind or any box or other receptacle for containing the same or any instrument or device for scientific purposes established or placed upon any mountain peak or summit or at any other place of resort, or upon any land belonging to this state or to the United States, or in or upon any body or stream of water within this state, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. Every person convicted of a violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than ten days nor more than six months or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person acting as informer, in case of conviction under this act, shall be entitled to one-half of the fine imposed.

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