

of this State, any member of the general assembly of Maryland or officer thereof, or any member or officer of any municipal corporation, or mayor or other executive officer thereof in this State shall demand or receive any bribe, fee, reward or testimonial for the performance of his official duties, or for neglecting or failing to perform the same, every such person so bribing or attempting to bribe any of such officers or persons, and every such person so demanding or receiving any bribe, fee, reward or testimonial shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and on being convicted thereof shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or, in the discretion of the court, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned in the penitentiary of this State for not less than two nor more than twelve years, or both fined and imprisoned, and shall also be forever disfranchised and disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit in this State; and any person so bribing or attempting to bribe or so demanding or receiving a bribe shall be a competent witness, and compellable to testify against any person or persons who may have committed any of the aforesaid offenses; provided, that any person so compelled to testify in any such case shall be exempt from trial and punishment for the crime of which such person so testifying may have been a participant.

1888, art. 27, sec. 24. 1860, art. 30, sec. 18. 1809, ch. 138, sec. 8.

27. Every embracer who shall procure any juror to take gain or profit for rendering his verdict shall undergo a conviction, and every juror convicted of taking gain or profit for giving his verdict shall undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than eighteen months nor more than six years, and shall be disqualified to serve on juries forever thereafter.

Ibid. sec. 25. 1860, art. 30, sec. 19. 1853, ch. 450, sec. 2.

28. If any person shall corruptly or by threats or force endeavor to influence, intimidate or impede any juror, witness or officer in any court of this State in the discharge of his duty, or shall corruptly or by threats or force obstruct or impede, or endeavor to obstruct or impede, the due administration of justice therein, he shall be liable to be prosecuted therefor by indictment, and shall on conviction thereof be punished by fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three months, or both, according to the nature and aggravation of the offense.