

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Saturday in the year after twelve o'clock, noon, shall be a legal half holiday, so far as regards the presenting for payment or acceptance, and the presenting and giving notice of the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, drafts, promissory notes and other negotiable paper, and for these purposes shall be treated and considered as the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and all such bills, checks, drafts and notes presentable for payment or acceptance on Saturday shall be deemed to be presentable for payment or acceptance on the secular or business day next succeeding; provided, however, that all bills of exchange, drafts and promissory notes made after the passage of this Act, except those payable at sight or on demand, which shall be otherwise payable on any half holiday Saturday, shall be deemed to be and shall be payable on the next secular or business day; and further provided, that for the purpose of protesting or otherwise holding liable any party to any bill of exchange, bank check, draft or promissory note, and which shall not have been paid before twelve o'clock at noon on any half holiday Saturday, a demand of acceptance or payment thereof may be made, and notice of protest or dishonor thereof may be given on the next succeeding secular or business day; and provided further, that when any person shall receive for collection in said county any bills of exchange, bank check or draft or promissory note, due and presentable for acceptance or payment on any half holiday Saturday, such person shall not be deemed guilty of any neglect or omission of duty, nor incur any liability in not presenting for payment or acceptance or collecting such bill of exchange, bank check, draft or promissory note on that day; and provided further, that in construing this section every half holiday Saturday shall, until twelve o'clock noon, be deemed a secular business day. Nothing in this section shall affect the provisions of Sections nine and ten of Article 13 of the Code of Public General Laws, applicable to any Saturday whenever the same under the provisions of said sections shall be a legal holiday.

When payable.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 20, 1900.