

not decided against this law, the same shall continue, and be in full force, and the governor, on receiving notice of the fact, from the presiding officers of the two houses of assembly, shall issue his proclamation to that effect.

FIREMEN.

AN ACT for the Protection of Firemen and of the Property of the Fire Companies in the City of Baltimore.—1837, ch. 190.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Persons wilfully injuring.
That from and after the passage of this act, any person or persons who shall wilfully destroy or injure any engine, hose, reel or other apparatus whatever for the extinguishment of fires, belonging to any company in the city of Baltimore, shall be guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than two years, nor more than five years. Guilty of felony. Penitentiary.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person or persons who shall assault, beat or otherwise intentionally hurt or injure any fireman of the city of Baltimore, except in self-defence, whilst engaged in the discharge of his duties as a fireman, upon conviction thereof, shall be sentenced to imprisonment in Baltimore county jail, for a period not less than one month, and to the payment of a fine of not less than ten dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars. Assaulting firemen. Penalty.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the standing committee of the Baltimore United Fire Department, in the city of Baltimore, and the presidents of the several fire companies now being, and who shall hereafter be, shall severally, by virtue of their respective offices, be vested with, and have and exercise all the powers and jurisdiction of a justice of the peace whilst accompanying any engine or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire, and whilst attending at, going to, or returning from any fire. Officers of the fire department. Power of justices of the peace.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person to remove any engine or other apparatus for the extinguishment of fire, from the house or other place where the same shall be kept or deposited, unless properly authorized so to do, by the president and directors of the company to whom the same shall belong, or their duly authorized agent; and any person offending against the provisions of this section, shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than five dollars, nor more than twenty dollars, to be sued for and recovered in the name of the company, and for the use of the company, before a single magistrate, in the same way that small debts are by law recoverable. Removing engine, &c. without authority. Fine \$5 to \$20.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person to enter or to remain in any engine house of any Entering engine house.