

fire company, unless authorized so to do by the president and directors of said company, or by 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.

Company badge.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the president and directors of each fire company to appoint and order some appropriate designation or badge to be worn by the members of said company, in front of their hats or caps, at all times when attending their engine; and if any person, not a member of said company, shall assume or wear said badge, or any imitation thereof, at any time when the company shall be engaged in their appropriate duties, he shall be fined, in a sum not exceeding five dollars, to be sued for and recovered in the name and for the use of the said company, before a single magistrate, in the way that small debts are by law recoverable.

Penalty for assuming.

Competent witnesses.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That any member or members of a fire company, notwithstanding his or their being a member of the company, seeking to recover the penalty imposed by this act, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be competent witnesses in any case wherein the penalties imposed by this act are sought to be recovered.

#### FREE SCHOOLS.

AN ACT for the benefit of the several Free Schools in the City and Precincts of Baltimore.—1814, ch. 131.

Bond to be required.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That upon passing any order in pursuance of this act, the court aforesaid shall require a bond, with security to be by them approved, to be given to this state, which shall be recorded and preserved in said court as other records are, conditioned for the faithful application of all moneys to be received under such orders, to the benefit of the institution to which the orders shall direct its payment, and also with the further condition that a true account shall be submitted to said court of the expenditure of said money, at least once in a year, or oftener if by them required.

Not to interfere with rights of Charitable Marine Society.

SEC. 3. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to interfere with or affect the rights vested in the Charitable Marine Society of Baltimore, by the act, entitled, a supplement to the act, entitled, an act to incorporate the Charitable Marine Society of Baltimore, passed at November session, eighteen hundred and seven.\*

\* Ch. 123.

The residue repealed by 1838, ch. 407.

See 'Schools,' post.