

act for the stamping of silver plate in the city or precincts of Baltimore, or shall mark or stamp, or cause or procure to be marked or stamped, any wrought plate of silver, or any wares of brass, or other base metal, silvered over or resembling silver, with any mark or stamp, which hath been or shall be forged or counterfeited at any time either before or after the passage of this act, in imitation of, or to resemble any stamp or mark directed to be used in pursuance of this act, or shall transpose or remove, or cause or procure to be transposed or removed, from one piece of wrought plate to another, or to any vessel of such base metal as aforesaid, any stamp, mark or impression, which may be made by or with any stamp or mark, directed to be used in pursuance of this act, or shall sell, exchange, or expose or offer for sale or exchange, any wrought plate of silver, or any vessel of such base metal as aforesaid, with any such forged or counterfeited stamp, mark or impression thereon, or any stamp, mark or impression, which hath been or shall be transposed or removed from any other piece of plate, knowing such stamp, mark or impression, to be forged, counterfeited or transposed, or removed as aforesaid, or shall wilfully or knowingly have, or be possessed of any mark or stamp, which hath been or shall be forged or counterfeited in imitation of, and to resemble any mark or stamp to be used as aforesaid, every such person offending in any such or either of the cases aforesaid, being thereof lawfully convicted, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in Baltimore county court, in the name of the mayor and city council of Baltimore, the one-half thereof to the said mayor and city council of Baltimore for the use of the city, and the other half thereof to the use of the informer, and shall be committed by the court in which judgment shall be given thereon, to the penitentiary of the state of Maryland, there to remain and be kept at hard labour for any time not exceeding the space of five years, nor less than one year, and until payment be made of the said forfeiture.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That nothing contained in this act, or the act to which this is a supplement, shall be construed to affect the sale or disposition of silver plate, or manufacture of silver, the property of any debtor, taken in and by virtue of any execution or judicial writ, or of any insolvent debtor, which sale or disposition shall be authorized and made in conformity to the laws of this state.

Not to affect sales in virtue of execution.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the assayer appointed under the act to which this is a supplement, or for any assayer who may hereafter be appointed under said act, to be concerned, or any wise interested, in the manufacturing or sale of silver plate, or manufacture of silver, within

Assayers not to be concerned in manufacture of silver.