

state, or some one of the United States, or of the territories thereof, to make such insurance, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, utterly null and void in any court of law or equity of this state.

And by  
agents of  
foreigners.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall make or renew any kind of insurance against fire on property within this state, or insurance on the life or lives of any person or persons residing therein, or insurance on the inland transportation of any goods, wares, merchandise or country produce, transported into or out of this state, at the risk of any person or persons residing therein, on the account or in behalf, or as agent or agents of, any body politic or corporate of any foreign state, kingdom or country, or of any company or copartnership of foreigners, or of any person or persons not residing in this state, or authorized by a law of this state, or some one of the United States, or of the territories thereof, to make such insurance, every person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred dollars for every such offence, the one-half to the informer, the other half to the use of the state, to be recovered by action of debt.

#### CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT respecting Writs of Habeas Corpus.

Other acts are 1813, ch. 175; 1819, ch. 137; 1826, ch. 223.

Officers to  
return writs  
of habeas  
corpus  
within three  
days.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whensoever a writ of habeas corpus shall be served, by delivering it to the officer or other person to whom it is directed, or by leaving it at the gaol, prison or place, in which the party suing it out is detained, unless the warrant of commitment plainly and specially express the same to have been for treason or felony, such officer or other person shall, within three days after such service, make return of the writ, and cause the prisoner or person detained, restrained or confined, to be brought before the proper court, judge or judges, according to the command thereof, and shall likewise certify the true causes of his or her detainer or imprisonment, if any, or under what colour or pretence such person is confined or restrained of his or her liberty, but if the prisoner is to be brought more than twenty miles, the sheriff or other person shall be allowed so many days more to bring him or her in, as will be equal to one day for every twenty miles of such further distance, and every such writ shall be signed by him who awarded it.

By December, 1813, ch. 175, the truth of the return may be controverted; witnesses may be subpoenaed, and their attendance enforced, &c.

By 1819, ch. 137, when it shall appear that there is reason to believe that the person detaining the person for whom the application is made, will