

## CHAPTER 191.

AN Act to relieve the people of this state, as far as practicable, from the evils arising from the demands made on the Banks of this state for Gold and Silver by Brokers, and to prohibit the Officers of the different Banks from buying and selling Bank Notes of the Banks of this State at a less price than their nominal value.

Presidents,  
&c. not to  
deal in buy-  
ing or sell-  
ing notes of  
any bank  
for a less  
sum than  
the nominal  
value—  
penalty.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any president, director, cashier, clerk or officer, of any of the banks of this state to deal or traffic directly or indirectly, in buying or selling, bartering or exchanging, the notes of any of the banks of this state, at and for a price or sum less than the nominal value of such notes so bought or sold, bartered or exchanged, nor directly or indirectly to employ for that purpose any broker, agent, or debtor to any of the said banks, or any other person or persons whatsoever, nor to engage or employ any person or persons in buying or selling, bartering or exchanging, any such notes as aforesaid, for the purpose of depositing the same in any of the banks of this state; and if any president, director, cashier, clerk, or officer of any of the banks of this state, shall be duly convicted of violating or evading any or either of the provisions contained in this section, such person so convicted, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money equal to double the amount of the notes so bought or sold, bartered or exchanged.

No person  
or body  
politic to be  
engaged in  
such busi-  
ness—  
penalty.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, to be engaged in, or to follow the business, employment or traffic, directly or indirectly, by any ways or means whatsoever, by themselves or by others, in buying or selling, bartering or exchanging the notes of any of the banks of this state, for a price or sum in gold or silver less than the nominal value of such note so bought or sold, bartered or exchanged, nor to barter or exchange the notes of any of the banks of this state for the notes of any other of the banks of this state, for a less price or sum than the nominal value of such notes so bartered or exchanged; and if any person or persons, or officer or officers, of any body politic or corporate, shall be duly convicted of violating or evading the provisions contained in this section, such person or persons, officer or officers, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money not exceeding double the amount of the gold or silver so as aforesaid bought or sold, or of the notes so as aforesaid bought or sold, bartered or exchanged.

Nor to buy  
gold or  
silver coin-  
ed with  
notes for a  
greater sum

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, other than the banks incorporated by the laws of this state, or the exporter thereof beyond sea, or the manufacturer of gold and silver, to buy any gold or silver coined, at or for a price or sum in the