

from having slaves, from having any slave committed to gaol, and supported them committed there at his expense.

CHAPTER 210.

AN ACT providing for the increase of the Revenue of this State, by laying a Tax on Brokers and Lottery Office Keepers.

Other laws are, 1821, ch. 232; 1826, ch. 67.

No person to exercise employment of broker until he has obtained a license.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of May next, no person shall exercise the employment of a broker in buying and selling such bank notes as by the laws of this state it is or may be lawful for a broker to buy or sell, or lottery tickets, until he shall have previously obtained a license therefor from the governor and council.

Broker's oath.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That before any broker shall proceed to act as such, he shall take an oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to the effect following, viz. 'I do solemnly promise and swear, (or affirm) that I will truly, honestly and faithfully execute the office of broker, between party and party, in all things relating to the duty of the said office, without fraud or collusion, and to the best of my skill and judgment.'

Not to act until he has entered with bond to the state.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That no person shall be admitted to act as a broker aforesaid, until he shall, with good and sufficient sureties, to be approved by the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland, enter into bond to the state of Maryland, in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, conditioned to the effect following: 'The conditions of this obligation is such, that if the above bound ——— do and shall well and truly use, execute and perform, the office and employment of a broker, between party and party, without fraud, collusion, imposition, or any corrupt or crafty devices, and do and shall faithfully execute every trust committed to him as a broker, then this obligation to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue in law.'

Bond to be recorded in court of appeals.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the bond so as aforesaid to be executed, shall be lodged in the office of the clerk of the court of appeals, to be by him recorded, and upon an office copy thereof, suits may be instituted, in which the plea of non est factum shall not be allowed.

License to continue for one year.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the license as aforesaid shall have continuance for one year only; and if any person not being licensed as aforesaid, shall act as broker aforesaid, he shall pay and forfeit two thousand dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered by action of debt, one-half to the use of him who shall sue for the same, and the other half to the use of the state.