

should be renewed or extended, within this state, are prohibited from issuing bank notes of a less denomination than five dollars, or of any intermediate denomination between five and ten, which prohibition has been in sundry instances violated, to the great inconvenience and loss of the community; therefore,

Banks not to pay out notes of a less denomination than \$5.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the commencement of this act, it shall not be lawful for any bank, or other corporation within this state, to issue or pay out any note or bill, or any paper purporting to be the note or bill of such bank, or of any other bank, corporation or company whatever, of a less denomination than five dollars, or of any intermediate denomination between five dollars and ten dollars.

Penalty on officers of banks for paying out any such.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any officer or servant of any bank or corporation in this state, should as such issue or deliver in payment any note or bill of such bank, or the note or bill of any other bank, corporation or company, or any paper purporting to be the note or bill of any bank, corporation or company whatever, of a less denomination than five dollars, or of any intermediate denomination between five and ten dollars, such servant or officer shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by indictment and conviction in the county court of the county where the offence shall have been committed, or in the city court of Baltimore, if the offence shall have been committed in the city of Baltimore.

Notes in the name of any officer, &c. declared within the meaning of this law.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That a note or bill by or in the name of any officer or servant of any bank, corporation or company, as such, purporting to be in the name of any officer of any bank corporation or company, as such, shall and the same is hereby declared to be, within the provisions of this law, and subject to the enactments herein contained.

Penalty for receiving notes less than \$5 of any bank not chartered by state.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the commencement of this act, if any person shall pass or offer to pass, receive or offer to receive, any note or bill, or any paper purporting to be the note or bill of any bank, corporation or company whatever, not chartered by this state, of a less denomination than five dollars, or of any intermediate denomination between five dollars and ten dollars, he shall forfeit and pay for every such offence the sum of five dollars current money, to be recovered in the manner herein before mentioned.

When to commence.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall commence and be in operation from and after the first day of June next.

Act to be given in charge to grand juries

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the several county courts in this state, and of the city court of Baltimore, to give this act especially in charge to the grand juries of their respective courts.