

CHAPTER 355.

AN ACT to authorize the issuing of licences to Telegraph Companies and Express or Transportation Companies, not organized under the laws of this State, to transact business therein.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of May next it shall not be lawful for any person to act as agent, within this State, of any Telegraph Company or of any Express or Transportation Company or Association, not incorporated by this State or organized under the authority thereof, to transact any business for such company, firm or association within this State, or to send or receive messages by telegraph, or to send or receive any goods, wares or merchandise in package, parcels, bales, barrels, or any other enclosures, or to effect any transportation of any article of trade or traffic, for and on account of any such company within this State, or to receive compensation *therefore*, or to advertise or offer to transact any business for or on account for any such company, or to open any office for the transaction of such business, without first obtaining a license therefor, as hereinafter provided. Not lawful to act as agent without license.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any agent of any such Telegraph Company, or Express or Transportation Company, firm and association, proposing to do business in this State, shall pay to the Comptroller for a license for the said company to transact business at its principal office in this State for one year, the sum of three hundred dollars, or a proportionate part of said sum for any fractional part of a year; and all licenses issued in pursuance of this Act shall be made to expire on the first day of May next succeeding the date of their issue. Fee for license.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That before the Comptroller shall issue such license, he shall require of the said company so applying to file in his office a copy of its charter, and a [a] statement, signed by the President and Secretary of the said company or To file copy of charter, &c.