

or to make such entries, or to hand over the same as herein directed, said agent so offending shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction thereof before any Justice of the Peace of the county or city of Baltimore, as the case may be, be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, one-half to the State and the other to the informer, and shall stand committed until the fine and costs are paid.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury may examine, on oath, any cashier or other principal officer or agent of any such company or association, or may cause the same to be examined, on oath, touching the duties of the said agent, or the business of the said company or association, or the earnings or receipts of the same; and any such agent refusing to be sworn or to testify his knowledge in the premises, when called on so to do as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction before a Justice of the Peace, be fined not exceeding twenty-five dollars and costs.

Comptroller  
may examine

Refusing to  
be sworn.

SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That the charter and all other authority by which any telegraph company now or which may hereafter be erected in this State is authorized to do the business of telegraphing, shall be recorded in the clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the several counties in which a telegraph line or lines may be erected, and all sales, transfers, and assignments of any and every telegraph standing or erected in this State, shall be recorded within sixty days after the transfer or assignment is made, in the same manner and place or places as their charter and other authority are required by this Act to be recorded; and any failure, neglect or refusal to comply with the requirements of this section, by any telegraph company doing telegraph business in this State, shall debar such company from any and all actions at law for any injury or damages done to any poles or wires erected or set up in this State.

Charter to be  
recorded.

Transfer or  
assignment  
to be record'd

SEC. 12. *And be it enacted,* That no plea of limitation shall be valid and of no effect in any court of law in this State, in bar to any trespass or damage committed

Plea of  
limitation  
not valid.