

C H A P. XV. nefs, and other vices injurious to the good order of society; for the prevention thereof in future,

No person shall hold a fair, &c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no person or persons whatsoever within this state, from and after the publication hereof, shall presume to hold a fair, or set up a booth or stall at any fair or public meeting, in any part of this state, or sell, dispose of, barter or exchange, any goods, wares or merchandise, of any kind, at any such fair or public meeting, under the penalty of five pounds current money for every booth or stall so set up, and for every other offence prohibited by this act, such penalty to be recovered by warrant before a single magistrate, on conviction by the oath or affirmation of one credible witness, or by the confession of the party, and to be applied in the payment of one half thereof to the informer, and of the other half to defray the charges of the county wherein the offence shall be committed: Provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or taken to prevent any person or persons whatsoever from selling, bartering, or otherwise disposing of, any of the produce or manufactures of any of the United States, or selling meat, drink, or other refreshments, at the times and places of holding the general or county courts, or elections, throughout this state; and provided also, that this act shall not be deemed or taken to prohibit hawkers and pedlers, licensed by the respective county courts to travel and trade as a hawker or pedler, from trading, buying or selling, in any other manner than is herein before prohibited, and that nothing in this act shall affect or invalidate any charter or privilege granted by law to any city, town or body corporate, in this state.

On complaint, justice may issue his warrant, &c.

III. *And be it further enacted,* That upon complaint made to any justice of the peace of the county wherein the offence shall be committed, that any booth or stall shall have been set up, and be then set up and standing, contrary to the provisions of this act, it shall be lawful for such justice, and he is hereby required, immediately to issue his warrant to cause the said offender or offenders to be brought before him, and upon proof made to him of the premises, by oath or affirmation of one credible witness, or by the confession of the party, to commit the said offender or offenders to the public gaol of the county until he or they shall remove and abolish, or cause to be removed and abolished, every such booth or stall, and pay the fine imposed by this act.

Passed December 10.

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An ACT directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections, and also to repeal the act of assembly therein mentioned.

Preamble.

Amended to this
1. Chap. 62. 87.

WHEREAS it is declared by the constitution of the United States, that the house of representatives in the congress of the United States, shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states; that the electors in each state shall have the requisite qualifications of electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature; that until the enumeration therein pointed out of the citizens of the United States shall be made, the number of representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand inhabitants, and the number of representatives for this state shall be six; and that the times, places and manner, of holding elections for senators and representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof: And whereas it is further declared, that for the purpose of choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, each state shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in the congress of the United States: And whereas a convention, duly appointed by the people of this state, did, by their act of the twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our

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