

for profit or hire in any way within this State, or to receive compensation therefor or to open any office for the transaction of such business within this State, without first obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided.

As to telegraph and telephone companies, see art. 23, sec. 293, *et seq.*

An. Code, sec. 122. 1904, sec. 120. 1888, sec. 103. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 5.

**160.** It shall not be lawful for any express or transportation company, or for any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation, to do the business of transporting or forwarding goods or packages of any sort, or of any article of trade or traffic for profit or hire within this State, without first obtaining a license therefor as hereinafter provided.

This and the following sections recognize existence of unincorporated joint stock companies or associations doing business in Maryland. Status of real estate held by trustees of Adams Express Company. *Reffon Realty Corporation v. Adams Land, etc., Co.*, 128 Md. 662.

An. Code, sec. 123. 1904, sec. 121. 1888, sec. 104. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 6.

**161.** Any telegraph company, person, firm, partnership, association or corporation proposing to do the business of telegraphing for profit or hire within this State and any express or transportation company, or any person, firm, partnership, association or corporation proposing to do the business of transporting or forwarding for profit or hire within this State goods or packages of any sort or any article of trade or traffic shall pay to the comptroller for license to do such business in this State, for one year, the sum of three hundred dollars, or a proportional part of said sum for any fractional part of a year not less than one month; and all licenses so issued shall be made to expire on the first day of May next succeeding the date of their issue.

An. Code, sec. 124. 1904, sec. 122. 1888, sec. 105. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 7.

**162.** Service of legal process upon any of the officers or agents of any person, firm, partnership, association, company or corporation transacting said business of telegraphing or of transporting or forwarding for profit or hire as aforesaid, within this State shall be a sufficient service on the person, firm, partnership, association, company, or corporation; provided, a copy of such process shall be placed in the postoffice by the officer serving the same, directed to the officer in charge of the principal office of said person, firm, partnership, association, company, or corporation in the city of Baltimore; and such officer in making return of such process shall certify to the court on the day of said service that he complied with the provisions of this section by placing such copy in the postoffice so directed with a sufficient postage stamp annexed to the envelope containing the same.

As to service of process upon corporations, see art. 23, secs. 103 and 118.

An. Code, sec. 125. 1904, sec. 123. 1888, sec. 106. 1872, ch. 355. 1874, ch. 370, sec. 8.

**163.** If any telegraph company, person, firm, partnership, association, or corporation shall do the business of telegraphing for profit or hire within this State or shall open any office or offices for the transaction of such business, or if any express or transportation company, or any person,