

the aisles or passage-ways in the auditorium of said halls, churches, schools or places of amusement, by placing therein any benches, chairs or stools, or other articles that may prevent free ingress or egress during the hours that said places may be open to the public.

1880, ch 133.

126. Said owners or lessees, or their agents, are required to keep open at all hours during the time said halls, churches, schools or places of amusement are open to the public, all doors giving means of ingress or egress, unless said doors open outward from said places, then the same may be closed, but no hindrance, such as locks or catches of any kind, shall be allowed to obstruct or prevent instant and easy egress through the same; and when said doors open inwards, it is required of said owners, lessees and their agents, that said doors shall be fastened securely and firmly open.

Ibid.

127. Owners or lessees, or any person holding under them, or their agents, violating either of the two preceding sections, shall, on conviction thereof, be fined by the court before whom such conviction is had for any violation, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines in this State, one-half of which shall go to the State and the other half to the cities where such violations occur and conviction thereof is had.

Ibid.

128. It is made the special duty of the judge or judges of the courts having criminal jurisdiction in said cities of Baltimore, Annapolis, Cumberland, Frederick, Hagerstown and Frostburg, to specially charge the grand juries of said courts upon the execution of the three preceding sections; and the police authorities of said cities are specially charged with the execution thereof, and to that end shall direct nightly examinations by some of their officers, of all such places.

1883, ch. 74.

129. It shall be the duty of the inspector of buildings to visit and inspect all theatres, hotels, public halls, churches and build-