

set-off or deduction of his demand for or in respect of any account or claim whatever.

Shaffer v. Union Mining Co., 55 Md. 74.

1880, ch. 273.

186. Nothing in the preceding section shall be construed to prevent any such corporation from demising to any of its employees the whole or any part of any tenement in said county at any rent thereon reserved, or from contracting for or advancing money to supply him with medicine, or medical attendance needed for himself or family, or smithing or fuel, and deducting from the wages of any such employee for and in respect of such rent, medicine, medical attendance, smithing or fuel, or money advanced as aforesaid.

Ibid.

187. Nothing in section 185 shall be construed to prevent the payment, in whole or in part, of the wages of any such employee in the notes of any bank payable to bearer on demand, that shall be current at par in this State at the time of such payment, but all payments made in such notes, with consent of such employees, shall be as valid and effectual as if made in legal tender money of the United States.

Ibid.

188. Every such corporation which shall directly or indirectly enter into any such illegal contract, or make any such illegal payment, shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction thereof in any court of competent jurisdiction, shall, for the first offence be fined one hundred dollars and for each succeeding offence not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars.

1878, ch. 320.

189. If any individual engaged in mining or manufacturing in Allegany county, or any association or body corporate carrying on any trade or business in said county, shall, for the space of thirty days, be indebted to the persons in their employ, or to furnishers of any raw material, in the aggregate sum of twenty-five dollars, and shall neglect or refuse to pay the same for the space of thirty days, the circuit court for said county, as a court of equity, or the judge thereof in vacation, upon the petition of