

issue, or sell any fac-simile or imitation of the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof in any court having criminal jurisdiction in the State of Maryland, or before any justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in the county or city where the offense has been committed, be punished by imprisonment in the county or city jail for not less than six months nor more than one year, or by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars, or by both fine and imprisonment.

Battle-Flags of Maryland Regiments During the Civil War.

1900, ch 485, sec. 1.

56. The governor is authorized and directed to appoint a commission composed of four citizens of Maryland who shall have served with honor and credit, either in the army or navy, during the late civil war, 1861-65—two of said commission to be selected from those who fought with distinction on behalf of the union, and two to be selected from those who fought with distinction on behalf of the South—whose duty it shall be to erect in the State library, or other suitable and conspicuous room at the State capital, suitable cases, to be composed of metal and plate-glass, of sufficient capacity to receive the various battle-flags, with their staff, carried by Maryland organizations of infantry, cavalry and artillery during said civil war, and to be so arranged that proper metal cards, with letters not less than one inch in height can be placed to show the number of the battalion, regiment or battery to whom said battle-flags belonged, as well as inscriptions on streamers appended to the standards, showing the various engagements in which the flag was carried.

Ibid. sec. 2.

57. It shall be the duty of the commission, after the completion of said cases and their approval by the governor, to apply to the organizations who have the custody of the said Maryland battle-flags in the name and in behalf of the State, requesting the delivery of said battle-flags to the State for safe keeping and preservation as long as the commonwealth exists.

Ibid. sec. 3.

58. The said flags when so delivered to the commission shall be carefully taken down, wrapped, packed and transported to the capital of the State, thence unpacked, carefully cleaned, as far as practicable, and erected in said cases, properly inscribed, etc., as directed in section 56.