

part of such wages in any other manner than herein provided, shall be and is hereby declared illegal, null and void; and that every such employee shall be entitled to recover from any such corporation employing him the whole or so much of the wages earned by him as shall not have been actually paid to him in legal tender money of the United States, without set off or deduction of his demand for or in respect of any account or claim whatever.

SEC. 2 *Be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act 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 of 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.

Deductions
for rent,
medicine
&c.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained 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 effective as if made in legal tender money of the United States.

Payment
in bank
notes.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That any corporation before mentioned which shall directly or indirectly enter into any contract, or make any payment hereby declared illegal, shall be liable to indictment, and upon conviction thereof in any court or competent jurisdiction, shall for the first offence be fined one hundred dollars, and for each succeeding offence not less than five hundred dollars or more than one thousand dollars.

Illegal con-
tract or
payment.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective

Approved April 7th, 1892.

CHAPTER 446.

AN ACT to authorize the council of Brunswick of Frederick County, to issue improvement bonds to an amount not exceeding the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the council of Brunswick, Frederick County