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APPLICATION FOR TRADERS' LICENSE

....County.

Name in which the business is conducted..

Name or names of proprietors..

Name of applicant..Applicant's relation
                                                                        to the business..

Location of place of business (P. O. address)..

Election District..Town..

Nature of business conducted..

Amount of stock of goods, wares and merchandise (not
  manufactured by you) carried at principal season of sale $............................

Tax assessment on stock in trade........... {Town assessment}............................
                                                              {County assessment}............................

Amount of fire insurance carried on stock at principal season of sale................

If a Corporation, when and where incorporated?..

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Signature of Applicant.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF MARYLAND, ...COUNTY, SCT:

On this................day of................................191......., before me, the
subscriber, personally appeared.., the
applicant for trader's license, and made oath in due form of law that the
statements set forth above are true, to the best of said applicant's knowledge
and belief.

.... {Clerk of Court.
                                                          {Justice of the Peace.
                                                          {Notary Public.

The Commission has not had the full coöperation of the clerks in some counties, and this lack of coöperation has considerably delayed the Commission in obtaining the best results.

The method of imposing a charge as a license for the privilege of doing business is not common in the United States, but is well imbedded in the financial system of Maryland.

Although conceding the principle to be correct, some contend that the amount should be based on the gross sales rather than on the value of merchandise or stock in trade. At any rate, from our observation, the present law needs some correction.

As stated elsewhere, all those persons that are obliged by law to have licenses are required to obtain them by the first day of May and are renewable annually. Under the law clerks are expressly forbidden (Article 17, Section 63) to ante-date any licenses, and have no power to collect for the full year if the trader applies after the beginning of the license year. For each month after this date that he applies he saves the month's proportion. This method is.