

CHAP. 87. branches of the council, or any two of them, the mayor being one, in the penal sum of twice the amount assessed for the expenses of opening said street, agreeably to the return of the said commissioners, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of the trust so reposed in him, and the duties so required of him.

Allowance to commissioners

12. *And be it enacted*, That the said commissioners shall receive as a compensation for their services two dollars per day for every day they may act, which compensation shall be paid by the said mayor and city council as part of the expenses of opening said street, which shall be assessed and collected in manner aforesaid.

Act to have no force unless approved of

13. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall be of no force or validity unless approved of by the mayor and city council of Baltimore.

CHAP. LXXXVIII.

An Act to prevent Gaming.

Passed Feb 14 1827

Penalty on persons convicted of keeping gaming tables, &c.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every person who shall be duly convicted of keeping any E. O. Table, or any other kind of gaming table, (billiard tables excepted,) at which the game of Pharo, Equality, or any other game of chance, shall be played for money, or of keeping any bank, and inducing or permitting any person or persons to bet against said bank, or of strolling about the country from place to place, and deriving a support and maintenance chiefly from gaming, or of permitting the same to be kept or practised in any tavern or house, stall or booth, of which he, she or they, may be the keeper or keepers, proprietor or proprietors, occupant or occupants, shall, for the first offence, forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, nor less than one thousand dollars, and be imprisoned for a period, in the discretion of the court, not exceeding twelve months, and upon the second conviction, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding four thousand dollars, nor less than two thousand dollars, and be imprisoned for a period not exceeding two years, nor less than three months.

Fines, how to be paid

2. *And be it enacted*, That all fines imposed under this act shall be paid, one half to the informer, and the other half to the state.

Part of an act repealed

3. *And be it enacted, by the authority aforesaid*, That so much of the seventh section of an act of assembly, entitled, An act concerning crimes and punishments, passed at November session, in the year eighteen hundred and nine, as prescribes a different punishment for the above mentioned offences, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Not to abate any prosecution now pending

4. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall operate to abate any prosecution now pending under the laws of this state.

Offences committed before the passage of this act to be proceeded against

5. *And be it enacted*, That all such offences committed before the passage of this act, as are embraced by this act, shall be and they are hereby directed to be proceeded against and punished, as the same would have been proceeded against and punished if this act had not passed.