

Chapter 293.

AN ACT to prevent fraudulent transactions on the part of commission merchants and other consignees of goods.

Penalty for violation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any factor, commission merchant or consignee, or any person selling goods on commission, or the agent, clerk or servant of such a person who shall convert to his own use any provisions, fruits, flour, meat, butter, cheese or any other property, or the proceeds of the same, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon indictment and conviction in any court of this state having criminal jurisdiction shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or be imprisoned not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court; and the failure to pay over the avails or proceeds received by any factor, commission merchant, consignee or person selling goods or produce on commission, less his proper charges, within five days after receiving the money or its equivalent from the purchaser or purchasers of said goods or produce and demand made therefor by the person entitled to receive the same, or his or her duly authorized agent, shall be *prima facie* evidence in any court of law in this state to establish the conversion of said goods or produce.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 31, 1888.

Chapter 294.

AN ACT to amend the incorporation of the South Baltimore Permanent Mutual Loan and Savings Association of Baltimore city.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the directors of the said association, namely, John A. J. Dixon, John