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ate, and Dennis E. Reardon, agent for John F. Betz and Son, did pay to the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, respect- Preamble. ively, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars each for licenses as wholesale liquor dealers, when in fact they were not such wholesale liquor dealers, but merely direct agents of manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid persons did, on the first day of May, 1891, each respectively pay to the said clerk a like sum Preamble. of two hundred and fifty dollars for the like respective licenses; and

WHEREAS, The aforesaid persons did, on the second day of May, 1892, each respectively pay to the said clerk a like sum Preamble. of two hundred and fifty dollars for the like respective licenses; and

WHEREAS, The said persons did, on the first day of May, 1893, each respectively pay to the said clerk a like sum of Preamble. two hundred and fifty dollars for the like respective licenses; ánd

WHEREAS, The aforesaid persons did, on the first day of May, 1884, each respectively pay to the said clerk, a like sum Preamble. of two hundred and fifty dollars for the like respective licenses; and

WHEREAS, The said Dennis E. Reardon did on the first day of May, 1895, pay to the said clerk the sum of two hundred Preamble. and fifty dollars for a wholesale liquor license; and

WHEREAS, The said clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baitimore city did decline, on the first day of May 1895, to Preamble. receive from the said C. E. Cronin the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for wholesale liquor licenses, and did decline, on the first day of May, 1896, to receive from said Dennis E. Reardon the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for wholesale liquor license, but did demand and receive from the said Cronin and Reardon, respectively, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars each for saloon license (in addition to the sums for wholesale licenses as above set forth) for each year from May 1st, 1890, to May 1st, 1897, which said saloon license is the only one which the said Cronin should have been required to procure in the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894, and which said saloon license is the only one which the said Reardon should have been required to procure in the years 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1895;

WHEREAS, The said sums of two thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars were paid into the State Treasury by the clerk