

PENALTIES.

SEC. 28. Every common carrier, railroad corporation, street railroad corporation and other corporation subject to the provisions of this Act, and all officers and agents of any common carrier, railroad corporation and street railroad corporation, and of any other corporation subject to the provisions of this Act, shall obey, observe and comply with every order made by the Commission, under authority of this Act, so long as the same shall be and remain in force. Any common carrier, railroad corporation or street railroad corporation, which shall violate any provisions of this Act, or which fails, omits or neglects to obey, observe or comply with any order, or any direction or requirement of the Commission, shall forfeit to the State of Maryland a sum not to exceed the sum of five thousand dollars for each and every offense; every violation of any such order or direction or requirement, or of this Act, shall be a separate and distinct offense, and, in case of a continuing violation, every day's continuance thereof shall be and be deemed to be a separate and distinct offense.

Every person, officer and agent of any such common carrier, railroad corporation or street railroad corporation who shall violate, or who procures, aids or abets any violation by any such common carrier or corporation of any provision of this Act, or who shall fail to obey, observe and comply with any order of the Commission, or any provision of an order of the Commission, or who procures, aids or abets any such common carrier in its failure to obey, observe and comply with any such order or provision, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Whenever the Commission shall be of the opinion that a common carrier, railroad corporation or street railroad corporation, or other corporation, subject to its supervision, is failing or omitting, or about to fail or omit to do anything required of it by law, or by order of the Commission, or is doing anything, or about to do anything, or permitting anything or about to permit anything to be done, contrary to or in violation of law or of any order of this Commission, it shall direct the General Counsel to the Commission to commence an action or proceeding before one of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or in the Circuit Court of the county in which such corporation has its principal place of business, or carries on its business in the name of the Commission, for the purpose of having such violations or threatened violations stopped and prevented, either by mandamus or injunction. Counsel to the Commission shall thereupon begin such action or proceeding by a petition to and in any of the said courts, as the case may require, alleging the violation or threatened viola-