

FRANCIS THOMAS, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR. 1841.

three dollars for each night of performance; for licenses to exhibit as ventriloquists, sleight of hand performers, rope dancers, tumblers and wire dancers, ten dollars for each week; for circus or equestrian performers, three dollars for each night of performance; for license to exhibit any animal or animals or artificial or natural curiosities of any kind, ten dollars for each week. CHAP. 194.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the several counties in this State, upon the application of any person, persons or company wishing to exhibit any personal performances, or any of the shows mentioned in the second section of this act, to grant to such person, persons or associations, upon their paying or securing to be paid, the amount of tax so assessed by the provisions of this act, on each particular exhibition or show, which he or they may wish to exhibit, a license to exhibit in his county or the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, which license shall contain a list of such personal performances or animals or other articles or things to be exhibited, and in that case, such company or person shall be authorized and permitted to perform and exhibit as aforesaid, in such county (and in no other) for the space of one year thereafter, and each and every itinerant stage player, ventriloquist, sleight of hand performer, rope dancer, tumbler or wire dancer or company of circus riders or equestrian performers or exhibitors of artificial or natural curiosities, except the exhibitors of models of useful inventions, who shall perform or exhibit in any county in this State, without previously having paid the tax herein directed, shall be liable to a forfeiture of sixty dollars, to be collected by the sheriff by distress and sale of the property of each delinquent, and to be applied, one half to the use of the State and the other half to the use of the sheriff. Licence for one year.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of all stage players, sleight of hand performers, rope dancers, tumblers, wire dancers, company of circus or equestrian performers and all exhibitors of natural and artificial curiosities, to exhibit their licenses to any justice of the peace or constable, who may demand a view thereof, and if he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty dollars for every such refusal or neglect, and if any such neglect or refusal shall occur before a justice of the peace, it shall be the duty of such justice, forthwith to issue his warrant, in the name of the State of Maryland, against such offender, and upon the return thereof, to enter up judgment and issue execution for the said sum of twenty dollars and costs, which said sum shall be for the use of the State, and if such refusal or neglect shall happen before a constable, it shall be his duty To exhibit license—penalty.