

CHAP. 92.

ber next, it shall not be lawful to sell, or offer to sell, any ticket or part of a ticket in any lottery drawn in this State, under the direction of the lottery commissioners, unless such ticket or part of a ticket shall have been previously stamped or signed by one of the lottery commissioners, or by their clerk, hereinafter authorised to be appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the signing or stamping as aforesaid, the said lottery commissioners shall receive for the use of this State, from and after the period aforesaid, a tax or duty at the following rate that is to say: upon all tickets, the scheme prize of which shall exceed the sum of ten dollars twenty cents shall be paid, and upon all tickets the scheme prize of which shall be ten dollars or less ten cents shall be paid, and a proportionate tax or duty upon fractional parts of whole tickets, the said tax or duty to be collected and paid as is hereinafter provided.

Signing, &c. commissioners to receive for use of State—rate of tax.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the period aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the contractors, or parties to whom licenses may be sold by the lottery commissioners for the sale of tickets as aforesaid, to make monthly returns on oath, to the lottery commissioners, of the number of tickets or parts of tickets sold by them respectively in each lottery scheme, and at the time of such return to pay to the said commissioners, for the use of the State, the amount of the tax or duty upon the whole amount of tickets or parts of tickets then sold.

Contractors to make monthly returns on oath

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said lottery commissioners to keep an accurate record of the number of tickets and parts of tickets issued by them, under the authority of this or any previous law, and upon the returns being made to them by the said contractors, as herein before directed, the said commissioners shall carefully compare the said returns with the said record, and adjust and settle the accounts of the said contractors accordingly; and upon the failure of any of the said contractors to make such returns and pay as aforesaid, the bond of the party so failing shall be forthwith put in suit, and a recovery had thereupon for the whole amount of the tax or duty due and chargeable upon all the tickets issued to such defaulting contractor, whether the same shall have been sold by him or not.

Commissioners to keep a record of the number of tickets issued.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the period aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the lottery commissioners to take from the several contractors bonds with surety, and in a penalty to be approved by them,

Contractors to give bond, &c.