

CHAP. 235. return said writs to the Circuit court for Kent county, together with a report of his proceedings thereunder, verified by his oath; and the said court, on the application of the purchaser of the said lands, or of any one interested therein, and being satisfied that notice of the intended application has been given, by advertisement published in some newspaper printed in Kent county, for three successive weeks before such application, is hereby authorised to ratify and confirm said sale, if it be proved to the satisfaction of said court, that the said sale was fair and bona fide, after due notice, and that the purchase money therefor has been paid, and in case the said court shall ratify the sale as aforesaid, then the said court shall, also, order and direct the said Absalom W. Sparks, to convey the said lands to the purchaser by deed executed and acknowledged according to law.

In force.

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

CHAPTER 235.

Passed May 21, 1852. *AN ACT to Prevent the Circulation of Notes or Bills of a Denomination less than Five Dollars.*

Notes of other States.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of October, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, it shall not be lawful for any person, firm, or association of persons, corporation, or body politic, to pay out, circulate, or receive in payment of any debt any bank-note, promissory note, or other obligation, payable to bearer, or endorsed in blank, or to bearer, or any other note, token, scrip, or device whatsoever, devised or intended for circulation as currency, issued without the limits of this State, of a less denomination than five dollars, under the penalty of five dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered by an action of debt, in the name of the State, before any justice of the peace of the State.

Penalty—to whom paid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That one half of the penalty recovered in any case under this act, shall go to the informer, and the residue shall be paid to the collector of county or city taxes, for the use of the county or city where the same may be prosecuted for; and in all cases, the informer shall be a competent witness.