

five hundred inhabitants, who shall provide an iron safe or some other secure depository for the keeping of the money and plate belonging to their guests, and upon being applied to for the purpose by any of his guests it shall be the duty of the hotel keeper or his agent to take charge for safe keeping of such money and plate and if lost or stolen while thus in his charge, such hotel keeper shall be liable for the full value of the same, to be recovered before a justice of the peace, if such value does not exceed one hundred dollars, and if over by action of assumpart in any court having jurisdiction in similar cases; *Provided however*, that the Hotel keeper shall not be so liable if the loss occurred through fire proved to have happened without any negligence upon the part of himself or his agents.

Authority to
Proviso.

Notice to be
put up.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the hotel keepers referred to by the first section of this act, who shall cause written or printed notice to be put up in their chambers and other conspicuous places about their hotels notifying their guests of the purport of this act, and requesting them to deposit their money and plate with the proprietor or his agent to be designated by such notice.

Hotel keepers
not liable if
not deposi-
ted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where guests at any of the hotels referred to in this act, shall lose by robbery or otherwise any money or plate not deposited for safe keeping, the hotel keeper shall not be liable if it can be proved that he has complied with the provisions of this act unless it can be further proved that such loss occurred from collusion or positive negligence on the part of himself or his agents.

AN ACT relating to the trial of facts in the several
 courts of the State
 Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly
 of Maryland, That in all suits or actions of law, issues
 from the Circuit Court, or any court sitting in equity
 in persons for persons, and in all proceedings and in
 proceedings now pending or which may be pending in
 after be instituted in any of the courts of law of this