

rated institutions and companies, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the act of Assembly passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter two hundred and eighty, imposing stamp duties on promissory notes, bills of exchange, specialties and other instruments of writing and the act of Assembly passed at December session eighteen hundred and forty-five, chapter one hundred and ninety-three, imposing stamp duties on mortgages, bills of sale, and other instruments of writing, and any subsequent act, re-enacting the same, be and the same is hereby repealed. Act repealed.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all bills, notes, or bonds that have been drawn previous to the repeal of this act, and have not been stamped, shall be as good and valid as though they had been stamped and all debts that have been created, where the proper vouchers are shown shall be as valid in law as though the stamp act had never been passed. Made valid.

SEC. 6. *Be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from its passage. To take effect.

CHAPTER 353.

AN ACT to raise additional revenue to pay the debts of the State by increasing the rates of license to ordinary keepers and traders. Passed Mar. 10, 1856.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That on and after the first day of May next it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, body or bodies corporate, within this State, other than the grower, maker, or manufacturer of the specific articles which shall be therein exposed for sale, except such maker or manufacturer as hereinafter specified, to barter, or open, set up, keep or use any booth, stall, shop, office, store, warehouse or other building, yard enclosure, vessel, or any other place or part of any house, building, or other place, for the purpose of selling by wholesale or retail, or bartering any dry goods, groceries, imported dried fruit, glass, crocke-