

either of them, may upon the general issue give in evidence any matter or thing that could have been well pleaded in bar to the said action, any law or usage to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. Dec Ses 1817.

7. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully and feloniously set fire to, or burn, any part of said bridge, he, she or they, as the case may be, shall be deemed and taken to be guilty of arson, and upon being thereof convict shall suffer such punishment as is or may be provided by law for persons guilty of arson. Punishment for burning bridge.

CHAPTER 154.

An act to Regulate Lotteries.

Passed Feb 9

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in all cases where lotteries have been heretofore authorised, under which power is given to raise a particular sum of money by one or more lotteries, and the managers may have drawn a lottery or lotteries, the scheme of which purported to raise the sum authorised to be raised, that in all such cases the power and authority given to raise money thereby, be and the same is hereby considered as completed, and the power to draw any other lottery or lotteries, under the same authority, be and the same is hereby declared at an end, and the act authorising the same is repealed; *Provided*, that the prohibition in this section contained shall not extend to the Surgical Institution Lottery, or Medical College Lottery, the prizes drawn therein to be nevertheless subject to the five per centum by this act imposed upon all prizes; *And provided further*, that before a drawing of any lottery shall be had under the foregoing proviso, the managers shall give bond, with two or more sufficient securities to be approved by the treasurer of the western shore, conditioned for the payment of the said five per centum into the treasury, at the expiration of sixty days after the drawing shall be completed; and the managers of any lottery offending against the provisions aforesaid, shall forfeit severally the sum of five thousand dollars, to be recovered by indictment in the county court of the county where the offence shall be committed, or in the city court of Baltimore, as the case may be, for the use of the state.

Lotteries heretofore authorised, proceedings relative thereto

Provisos.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the managers of all lotteries which may hereafter be drawn in this state, be and they are hereby authorised and required, to deduct from all prizes in said lotteries five per centum, in addition to the deduction provided for by the scheme of said lottery, and within sixty days after the drawing of any such lottery shall be finished, shall pay over the said five per centum to the treasurer of the western shore of Maryland, for the use of the state, and in case they do not so pay over the said five per centum, the bonds of said managers shall be put in suit in the county where they may reside. Five per cent. to be paid into the treasury.

3. *And be it enacted*, That the governor and council be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, to appoint and commission three discreet and good men, to be styled Commissioners of Lotteries, removable at the will of the governor and council, and each commissioner shall be entitled to receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, to be paid out of the aforesaid five per cent. deduction from prizes, and from no other monies, which said salary Three commissioners to be appointed.