

CHAP. 190.

Congregation to elect trustees.

Proviso.

Charter not to be forfeited by neglect to appoint trustees.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* it shall and may be lawful, at any convenient time during the present year, for the aforesaid congregation to elect the trustees for the management of the concerns of the said congregation, who shall serve until Whitsun Monday, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty, when a new election shall take place in the manner heretofore prescribed by law, and on Whitsun Monday in every year for ever thereafter, an election for trustees in the said congregation shall take place; *Provided*, that if from any cause the election is in any year not made on the day aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the minister, or in the absence of a minister, for any two of the persons appointed trustees for the preceding year, to give ten days notice in writing set up at the church door, of the time and place of holding an election for trustees, and the trustees so elected shall have all the powers and rights which they would have had if appointed as before directed.

2. *And be it enacted*, That the charter of the aforesaid congregation shall not be forfeited by its neglect to appoint trustees as represented to this general assembly, but shall remain in as full force as if the said election had taken place according to law.

CHAPTER 191.

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An act to relieve the People of this State, as far as practicable, from the evils arising from the demands made on the Banks of this State for Gold and Silver by Brokers, and to prohibit the Officers of the different Banks from buying and selling Bank Notes of the Banks of this State at a less price than their nominal value.

President, directors, &c not to deal in buying or selling notes of any bank for a less sum than the nominal value of such notes—Penalty for so doing.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That* from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any president, director, cashier, clerk or officer, of any of the banks of this state, to deal or traffic directly or indirectly, in buying or selling, bartering or exchanging, the notes of any of the banks of this state, at and for a price or sum less than the nominal value of such notes so bought or sold, bartered or exchanged, nor directly or indirectly to employ for that purpose any broker, agent, or debtor to any of the said banks, or any other person or persons whatsoever, nor to engage or employ any person or persons in buying or selling, bartering or exchanging, any such notes as aforesaid, for the purpose of depositing the same in any of the banks of this state; and if any president, director, cashier, clerk, or officer of any of the banks of this state, shall be duly convicted of violating or evading any or either of the provisions contained in this section, such person so convicted, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money equal to double the amount of the notes so bought or sold, bartered or exchanged.

No person or body politic to be engaged in such business—Penalty.

2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, to be engaged in, or to follow the business, employment or traffic, directly or indirectly, by any ways or means whatsoever, by themselves or by others, in buying or selling, bartering or exchanging, the notes of any of the banks of this state, for a price or sum in gold or silver less than the nominal value of such note so bought or sold, bartered or ex-