

and receive from any of the banks of this State, any gold or silver, with the intent or design to make sale thereof, or to obtain a premium therefor—and any person or persons, or officer, or officers of any body politic or corporate, who shall be duly convicted of demanding or receiving from any of the banks of this State, any gold or silver, contrary to the provisions of this section, such person or persons, officer, or officers, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money equal to double the amount of gold and silver so demanded or received, as aforesaid. And when any of the banks of this State, shall have reason to believe, that the demand for gold or silver, is made for the purpose mentioned in this section, the bank upon which the demand is made, may put the agent or party making the demand, upon his oath, or affirmation, touching the fact.

Sec. 17th. And be it enacted, That the different boards with their presidents, shall appoint and pay such subordinate agents or officers, with such salaries as to them shall seem expedient, to aid the process of winding up the affairs of the several banks, and shall have power from time to time to make such by-laws, rules and regulations, as may be necessary and proper for that purpose.

Which was read.

Before the question was put on its adoption;

The Speaker laid before the House the following communication:

*To the Honorable,  
the House of Delegates :*

In obedience to their order of yesterday, the Treasurer encloses copies of the last returns of their condition received here from the several banks.

And has the honor to be,

Most respectfully,

Their ob't servant,

GEORGE MACKUBIN,

Treasurer of the W. S. Md.

Which was read and referred to the committee on the Currency.

Henry Hobbs, Esquire, acting Secretary of State, delivered the following message from the Executive:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,

January 18, 1842.

*To the House of Delegates,—*

In compliance with your order of the 14th instant, I herewith respectfully send you the Report of the Adjutant General, made in December 1840, being the last made by that officer.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

FRANCIS THOMAS.