

each and every of them, as the case may be, after the lapse of the first half year, to pay, semi-annually, to the collector of the said county or city, as the case may be, at the rate of one per centum per annum on the aggregate or gross amount of sales made by them, and each of them, as a tax or duty to the public revenue of this state, provided that such of the said venders, houses or firms, whose annual sales may not exceed three thousand dollars, shall not be compelled to pay a greater amount than is now required by law, but provided also, that this exemption shall not extend to sales on board of vessels from other states.

5. And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of the said venders, houses, or firms, as the case may be, to take out licenses according to the existing laws of this state, provided that in lieu of the specific tax or duty now required to be paid by importers, or wholesale dealers, or venders, the tax or duty hereby imposed shall be substituted, provided that such of the said importers, as shall sell or dispose of their entire cargoes or importations, en mass, shall not be considered as importers, or liable to the provisions of this act.

6. And be it enacted, that in case any of the said venders, houses or firms, shall refuse or neglect to comply with any one or more of the provisions of this act, the same, and each and every of them, on conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one thousand dollars, as a penalty, for every such offence, to be recovered by any person who will sue for the same, by action of debt or information, in any court having cognizance thereof, the one moiety thereof, when recovered, to be for the use of such person, and the other moiety to be for the use of this state.

7. And be it enacted, that if any of the said venders, houses or firms, shall be guilty of any fraud or deceit in the execution of this act, or of eluding the operation thereof, shall forfeit the sum of one thousand dollars, to be recovered and distributed as is herein before provided for.

8. And be it enacted, that if any person shall wilfully swear or affirm falsely, touching any matter herein before required to be verified by oath, or affirmation, he shall suffer the pain and penalties, which by law are prescribed for wilful and corrupt perjury, and if any officer, he shall forfeit his office, and be incapable of ever afterwards holding any office under this state.

9. And be it enacted, that all laws repugnant to, or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed."

When Mr. Pratt moved to refer the bill and amendment and substitute to the next general assembly. Determined in the negative:

Mr. Steele moved to postpone the same until the 1st of June? Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the substitute, and determined in the negative.

The question was then put, that the house assent to the amendment proposed by Mr. Ireland? Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, the following was added to the bill:

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, that every vender of goods or merchandize of foreign growth or manufacture, by the case, package or piece, or of wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, or other distilled spirituous liquor, by the puncheon, pipe, tierce, or quarter cask, whether he may or may not be an importer, shall be deemed and taken to be a wholesale merchant who is required to take out a license under the act to which this is a further supplement; Provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to those persons who are ordinarily termed retail merchants.

On motion by Mr. Thomas Kennedy, that the following be inserted:

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, that no person or persons compelled to take out licences for retailing dry goods, who shall annually prove to the satisfaction of the judges of the county court, in which he or she shall reside, that their stock of dry goods does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars current money.

Mr. Ireland moved to insert after the words 'dry goods' the following: 'or who shall take out a licence to retail wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, and other distilled spirituous liquors?' Determined in the negative.

Mr. Teackle moved to strike out the words 'dry goods?' Determined in the negative.

Mr. Ireland moved to strike out the words 'five' and insert fifteen? Determined in the negative; the section was then assented to.

Mr. Purviance moved that the following be added:

"And be it enacted, That each and every person required to take out a licence as a wholesale dealer, shall pay for the same twenty five dollars, and no more, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put, shall the said pass? The yeas and nays being required appear as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Speaker, Millard, G. Leigh, Stone, Maddox, Massey, Hodges, Linthicum, Dalrymple, Skinner, Edelen, Rogerson, Garner, Johnson, Lockerman, Lloyd, Martin, Jones, Teackle, Dennis, Steele, Hooper, Sheredine, Parker, Gerry Semmes, Hughes, Carroll, Wright, Slemaker, Riley, Norris, Chauncey, Boon, Saulsbury, Douglass, Thomas Kennedy, Keller, Galloway, Williams, Duvall, Greenwell, Pollard, Estep, Tomlinson.—45.

NEGATIVE.—Messrs. Ireland, Thomas, Farquhar, Fisher, Allen, John P. Kennedy, Purviance.—7. Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Estep delivers the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is just and reasonable, that those who devote their time and services to the public benefit, should receive an adequate remuneration: And whereas, the clerks of the several county courts, and criminal court of Baltimore city, and of the court of appeals for the western and eastern shores, have each furnished the select committee upon the administration of justice, with a report made in pursuance of an order of this house, which required some time and labour to prepare; therefore,