

A BILL

Entitled, an act for the greater security of the revenue from licenses in the hands of the Clerks of the several Courts of this State.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, it shall not be lawful for the Clerks of the several Circuit Courts of this State, or the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, to issue to any person or persons, any marriage or other license whatsoever, now authorised by law, or which may have been heretofore issued by the Clerks of the County Courts, and the Clerk of the City Court of Baltimore, except in the manner hereinafter directed by this act; and if any Clerk of any Circuit Court, or the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore shall, from and after the said first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, as aforesaid, issue any marriage or other license contrary to the provisions of this act, every such Clerk so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for each and every offence, the sum of dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Treasury Department to cause to be printed, in the forms prescribed by law or heretofore used and adopted in this State, blank marriage licenses, traders licenses, ordinary licenses, non-resident licenses, brokers licenses, hawkers and pedlars licenses, exhibition licenses, billiard table licenses, woodhucksters licenses, and all other licenses heretofore issued by the Clerks of the Courts of this State, and now authorised by law, with the several grades, rates and descriptions thereof, with reference to the character and object of said license, the sum to be paid therefor, and the fractional part of the year, as nearly as can be, for which the same may be issued; and the several Clerks of the Circuit Courts and the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore shall, on or before the said first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and on or before the same day in every year thereafter, and at such other time or times as may be necessary, make application to the said Comptroller for such number of said blank licenses, and of each description thereof as may probably be required for the use of the respective counties and the city of Baltimore, for one year thereafter, and thereupon the said Comptroller shall forthwith deliver to the said several Clerks, the number and description of licenses required by them for the space of one year,