

An ACT to regulate auctions in Baltimore-town in Baltimore county.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That after the passing this law, no person shall act as an auctioneer, within Baltimore-town in Baltimore county, or within three miles of the said town, unless licenced and appointed agreeable to this act; and if any person, without such licence, shall sell any property at auction, within the said town of Baltimore, or within three miles thereof, and be thereof convicted in the general court, or Baltimore county court, such person shall forfeit and pay ten pounds current money for every hundred pounds of property by him so sold, and in the same proportion for any greater or less sum; and any person employing any person not licenced as aforesaid to sell any property at auction, within the said town or three miles thereof, shall forfeit and pay ten pounds like money for every hundred pounds of property so sold by his direction or with his consent, and in the same proportion for any greater or less sum, to be recovered as aforesaid.

No person to act as an auctioneer without licence, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That Thomas Yates is hereby licenced and appointed auctioneer for the said town, who shall, before he acts as such (under the penalty of two hundred pounds current money) take the oaths to the government required by the constitution and act of assembly (unless he hath heretofore taken them) and give bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds current money, with such sureties as the commissioners of the said town shall approve, with condition, "That he will faithfully execute the office and trust reposed in him, as auctioneer for Baltimore-town, agreeable to law, and in all things well and faithfully execute and perform the several duties required of him by this act;" and take the following oath (which any justice of the peace or any one of the said commissioners may administer) to wit: "I, do swear, that I will faithfully and honestly execute the office and trust reposed in me as auctioneer for Baltimore-town, and will well and faithfully perform the several duties required of me by law, without any partiality, fraud, or deceit."

T. Yates appointed for Baltimore-town, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That the said auctioneer shall be answerable to the commissioners of the said town, and his bond and securities liable for the payment of one pound on every hundred pounds worth of property by him sold at auction, and in the same proportion for any greater or less sum, and shall once in every three months (or oftener if required) account upon oath, and pay the same to the commissioners of the said town, to be applied by them to the amending and repairing the streets thereof.

Answerable to the commissioners, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the town aforesaid may remove the auctioneer aforesaid for misbehaviour in his office, and may appoint another in his stead; and in case the said auctioneer shall resign his appointment, or remove out of the said town, or die, the commissioners aforesaid may appoint another in the place of the auctioneer so resigning, removing, or dying.

Who may remove him, &c.

V. And