

changed, nor to barter or exchange the notes of any of the banks of this state for the notes of any other of the banks of this state, for a less price or sum than the nominal value of such notes so bartered or exchanged; and if any person or persons, or officer or officers, of any body politic or corporate, shall be duly convicted of violating or evading the provisions contained in this section, such person or persons, officer or officers, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money not exceeding double the amount of the gold or silver so as aforesaid bought or sold, or of the notes so as aforesaid bought or sold, bartered or exchanged.

3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, other than the banks incorporated by the laws of this state, or the exporter thereof beyond sea, or the manufacturer of gold and silver, to buy any gold or silver coined, at or for a price or sum in the notes of any of the banks of this state higher or for a greater sum than the nominal value of such notes; and if any person or persons, or officer or officers of any body politic or corporate, shall be duly convicted of violating the provisions contained in this section, such person or persons, officer or officers, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money double the amount of the gold or silver so bought or sold; *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the importer of any gold or silver from selling or disposing of the same in any manner, or to any persons, such importer shall deem proper, or to prevent any person or persons from buying gold or silver coin, unless the same be with an intention to sell the same at a premium.

Nor to buy gold or silver coined, with notes for a greater sum than the nominal value of such notes, &c

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4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any of the banks of this state, nor of any of the officers thereof, either directly or indirectly, to sell or dispose of any gold or silver coined, for a price or sum more than the standard value thereof, and any bank, or any officer thereof, so offending, shall forfeit and pay a sum of money equal to double the amount of the gold or silver so sold or disposed of.

Banks not to dispose of any gold or silver coined for a price more than the standard value thereof.

5. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, to ask, demand or receive, from any of the several incorporated 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 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 the gold or silver so received as aforesaid.

Penalty on persons receiving from any bank any gold or silver with intent to sell the same or to obtain a premium therefor.

6. *And be it enacted,* That the courts of law in this state, in the construction of this act, shall consider the same as remedial, and shall give such a construction thereto, as shall be calculated to restrain any evasion by any subtlety or devise whatever of any of the provisions thereof.

Courts in the construction of this act to consider the same as remedial, &c.

7. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the courts of law in this state, in the trial of any case under this act, to enforce and compel any person who may be a party in any of the transactions prohibited by this act, to give evidence in all and every thing relating thereto; but no evidence to be given by any person shall be used against him in any trial for the like offence.

In the trial of any case under this act court to compel persons to give evidence, &c.