shall be the duty of the Collector to keep an office in some place to be appointed by the Governor, and provided and furnished at the public expense, to be called the custom house, and to attend there on such days and at such hours, as the Governor by fixed rules, may appoint, but the said office shall never be opened on the said Collector be obliged to attend there upon Sundays.

And be it enacted and ordained, That the said Collector shall have as his compensation a commission upon all moneys which he shall collect in the execution of his duty, which shall be fixed from time to time by the Governor and Council, and shall not be less than two nor more than five per cent. and shall also be entitled to twenty five per cent. of all fines or forfeitures imposed for violations of the revenue laws, and notwithstanding such interest may be a witness in any proceeding for the enforcement of such fines and forfeitures.

And be it enacted and ordained, That it shall be the duty of every master or commanding officer of any ship or vessel, not a man-of-war, which shall come to an anchor within the waters of Maryland in Liberia, within twenty-four hours after anchoring, either to depart from the said waters or to report himself at the custom house, and there to make an entry upon his solemn affirmation, of the name, class, nation and tonnage of such ship or vessel, her last port of departure, and the name of such master or commanding officer, and wether it is

the intention of such master or commanding officer to trade or land any part of his cargo within the limits of Maryland in Liberia.

And be it enacted and ordained, That if any master or commanding officer shall not make such report and entry, as is directed by the last section, or shall not make it in due time, or shall make any false entry, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered in an action of debt in the name of Md. in Liberia, and if he shall make any false entry, as to the tonnage of his ship or vessel, he shall forfeit and pay in addition to the said sum of one hundred dollars, and in addition to the tonnage light house duty hereinafter imposed, double the amount of the light house duty, which such ship or vessel ought to pay, to be recovered in like manner, and in the same or a separate action of debt, as the Collector may direct, and it shall be the duty of the Collector to cause all actions for offences against this or any other section of this law to be forthwith brought and promptly proceeded in, they being hereby placed under his charge and control, but he may nevertheless, with the consent of the Governor, commit the conduct of them to any other proper person, who shall receive such compensation out of the proceeds of the case as the Governor and Collector shall think proper to allow.

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