

Officers of any body politic or corporate, shall be duly convicted of **CHAP. 191.**  
 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.

4. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That it shall not be lawful for any of the banks of this state, nor for 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.

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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 prem-  
 ium 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 device whatsoever of any of the provisions thereof.

*Courts in the con-  
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 same as remedial  
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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.

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 dence.*

8. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That all forfeitures or penalties arising or accruing under this act shall be recovered by action of debt in the name of this state and the informer, or by bill of indictment in the name of this state, in the court of the county having cognizance thereof, and one half of the forfeiture or penalty so recovered shall go to the informer, and the other to the state.

*Forfeitures, how to  
 be recovered*

9. **AND BE IT ENACTED**, That if any person duly convicted of any offence under and in virtue of this act, shall not pay the forfeiture or penalty recovered against him on such conviction, such person shall be committed to the gaol of the county, in which such conviction shall be had; and if he shall not within twenty days after such commitment pay the said forfeiture or penalty, then it shall and may be lawful for the court wherein the said conviction shall be had, to sentence such person to undergo a confinement in

*Persons convicted  
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 feiture to be com-  
 mitted to gaol.*