

chairs or stools, or other articles that may prevent free ingress or egress during the hours that said places may be open to the public.

1880, ch. 133.

263. Said owners or lessees, or their agents, are required to keep open at all hours during the time said halls, churches, schools, or places of amusements are open to the public, all doors giving means of ingress or egress, unless said doors open outward from said places, then the same may be closed, but no hindrance, such as locks or catches of any kind, shall be allowed to obstruct or prevent instant and easy egress through the same; and when said doors open inwards, it is required of said owners, lessees and their agents, that said doors shall be fastened securely and firmly open.

Ibid

264. Owners or lessees, or any person holding under them or their agents, violating either of the two preceding sections shall, on conviction thereof, be fined by the court before whom such conviction is had, for any violation, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be recovered as other fines in this State, one-half of which shall go to the State and the other half to the cities, respectively, where such violation occurs and conviction thereof is had.

Ibid.

265. It is made the special duty of the judge or judges of the courts having criminal jurisdiction in said cities of Frederick, Frostburg, Annapolis, Baltimore, Cumberland, and Hagerstown, to specially charge the grand juries of said courts upon the execution of the three preceding sections; and the police authorities of said cities are specially charged with the execution thereof, and to that end shall direct nightly examinations by some of their officers, of all such places.

1882, ch. 208.

266. The mayor and aldermen are authorized and empowered, whenever it shall seem to them expedient for the encouragement of the growth and development of manufactures and manufacturing industry in the city of Frederick, to provide by general ordinance for the abatement of any or all taxes levied by au-