

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That where there is a failure of the performance of the condition of the bail bonds aforesaid, a writ shall issue for the recovery of the penalty, and a declaration shall be filed, and a copy delivered to the sheriff, to be served on the delinquent, with the writ, who shall be obliged to go to trial the same court, provided the writ be served eight days previous to the return, and without any imparlance; and in case of the defendant refusing to plead, the court may give judgment, except in extraordinary cases, at their discretion.

In case of failure writ to issue, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That every of the sheriffs of this state, who do not pursue, by himself or his deputies, the directions of this act, by taking bail bonds of the criminal and his security, to be approved of as sufficient by the court to whom such bond shall be returned, or taking the said criminal before a magistrate, to be dealt with according to the directions of the law, shall be liable to be proceeded against in the same manner as he would have been, on his default in not bringing in the party according to his return, if this act had not been made.

Sheriffs liable for neglect, &c.

CHAPTER 21.

AN ACT to prevent frauds and abuses in the collection of public taxes, and to extend the time of payment of the tobacco tax.

This bill was to protect the revenue against frauds supposed to *have been* committed against the state treasury.

CHAPTER 23.

AN ACT to continue an act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers' fees, and for other purposes.

SEC. 1. Continues an act which has since ceased to have any effect.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several county justices in their respective counties, at the time of assessing their county charges, shall and are hereby empowered and directed to allow to the clerk of their respective courts, in their county levies, in full satisfaction for warrants to the overseers of the highways, constables warrants, assisting in laying and apportioning the county levy, and all other services to be done for their respective counties, and by order of the justices for the time being, the following sums, viz. For Saint Mary's, Kent, Anne Arundel, Charles, Somerset, Dorchester, Baltimore, Cæcil, Prince George's, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Worcester, Frederick and Washington counties, ten pounds, in Spanish dollars, at the rate of seven shillings and six-pence per dollar, or the value thereof in paper money; for Calvert, Harford, Caroline and Montgomery counties, seven pounds ten shillings like money; and all the respective county clerks within this state for the time being shall, and they are hereby obliged to do all the said services, and such others, for the use of the respective counties, as

Allowance to county clerks, &c.