

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

Maryland, Sct:

At a Session of the General Assembly of Maryland, begun and held at the City of Annapolis, on the 2nd day of January, 1867, His Excellency, THOMAS SWANN, being Governor, the following Laws were enacted, to wit:

CHAPTER 1.

AN ACT for the relief of John Welch, a surety on the bond of John Barnard, a former Sheriff of Allegany county. Passed Jan. 12, 1867.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this General Assembly by the petition of John Welch, that said Welch on the twenty-seventh day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty, with John Warnick, David Cusap and Walter Bevans, executed to the State of Maryland a bond as sureties of John Barnard, then Sheriff of Allegany county; *and whereas*, on the twenty-second day of December, eighteen hundred sixty-five, long after the death of all the other parties to said bond, an action was instituted in the Circuit Court for Allegany county against the said Welch, to recover a balance of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, alleged to be due from said Barnard, for fines collected by him, although but a small part thereof accrued during the period covered by said bond, and notwithstanding so long a time had elapsed since the said claim originated during which the ability of the parties to pay, had been much impaired, *and whereas*, the circumstances set forth in said petition entitle said Welch to the relief sought, therefore, Preamble.