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kind, or any part of his debts, rights or claims, thereby wilfully to deceive or defraud his creditors, or any of them, or to secure the same, or to receive or expect any profit, benefit or advantage there- by, the said court may thereupon examine the said William Dent Beall on interrogatories, on oath, for the discovery of his property, or any concealment thereof, and respecting his conduct touching the same, or the said justices may, in their discretion, direct an issue to be tried in the said court, to determine the truth of any allegation made against the said William Dent Beall, and if the said William Dent Beall shall be found guilty of any wilful fraud or deceit of his creditors, he shall for ever be precluded from having any benefit of this act; and in case the said William Dent Beall shall at any time within two years as aforesaid, upon any indictment, be convict of wilfully, falsely and corruptly swearing to any matter or thing in his oath aforesaid contained, he shall suffer as in case of wilful and corrupt perjury, and likewise be liable to his creditors, and be wholly deprived of any relief or benefit by this act.

C H A P. V.

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Jan. 1800.
* 1798, ch. 38.

A Supplement to the act, * entitled, An act relating to the public roads in Somerset county. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 248.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the act to which this is a supplement requires the justices of the peace for said county, or a majority of them, to execute the several duties thereof, and it has been found, from practice and experience, that the said justices, or a majority of them, do not readily meet or convene for the purposes aforesaid; therefore,

Seven justices
to have power,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said justices, or any seven of them, shall have the same power and authority that is given in the aforesaid act to the justices of the peace, or a majority of them, any thing in the said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Servants, &c.
may be com-
pelled to work,
&c.

III. AND, whereas the twelfth section of the said act imposes a fine of one dollar on the master, mistress or overseer, of any servant or slave, after being sent to labour on said roads, who shall neglect to perform his reasonable service, which is found to be oppressive and injurious, BE IT ENACTED, That it is hereby declared to be the duty of each and every overseer in the said county to compel each servant or slave, after being so sent to labour on the public roads aforesaid, to do and perform his reasonable service aforesaid, and the master, mistress or overseer, of any such servant or slave, sent as aforesaid, shall not be subject to the fine aforesaid.

Parts of an act
repealed.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all those parts of the said act which are repugnant to the several clauses contained in this supplement, be and the same are hereby repealed.

C H A P. VI.

An ACT to empower the levy court of Dorchester county to appoint a constable for the town of Cambridge. Lib. JG. No. 3. fol. 248.

Preamble.

WHEREAS agreeable to the present act of assembly the levy court of Dorchester county is empowered to appoint constables only for the different hundreds of said county, and the inhabitants of the town of Cambridge labouring under considerable disadvantages from the constable of that hundred, which includes the town, not living in the same, and also that the peace of said town is very much disturbed by frequent tumultuous meetings of negroes; in order to obviate that inconvenience,

Court to ap-
point a constable,
&c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the levy court, at their annual meeting, shall appoint a constable for the town of Cambridge, and that the county clerk shall signify such appointment, under his hand, and deliver the same to the sheriff within five days after such appointment, and the sheriff shall, within ten days of such delivery, deliver the same to the person so appointed, or leave the same at his usual place of abode, under penalty of twenty shillings current money on the clerk or sheriff respectively neglecting herein, to be recovered before any single magistrate, as in the case of small debts, to the use of the said town.

Who shall be
an inhabitant,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the constable so appointed in virtue of this act shall be an inhabitant of said town, and that he shall be obliged to execute all warrants and precepts to him directed within the limits of the said town; and such constable shall and may have, take, exact and receive, such fees as the law in such case has directed.

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