

## An ACT relating to coroners.

Passed January 20.

Coroners to give bond, &c.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of April next, and between the first days of March and April in every third year thereafter, every coroner, before he executes any civil process, shall give bond, or enter into a recognizance to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of one thousand pounds, with a condition, that he will well and truly execute the office of coroner in all things thereto belonging; and shall also well and faithfully execute and return all writs, or other process, to him directed; and shall also pay and deliver, to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, all sums of money and tobacco, all goods and chattels, by him levied, seized or taken, agreeably to the directions of the writ, or other process, under which the same shall have been levied, seized or taken; and also shall keep and detain in safe custody all and every person and persons committed to his custody, or by him taken in execution, or who shall be committed for the want of bail, without suffering them, or any of them, to escape or depart from his custody; and shall also satisfy and pay all judgments which shall be rendered against him as coroner; and shall also well and truly execute and perform the several duties required of or imposed upon him by the laws of this state; which bond, or recognizance shall be entered into before, and attested by, the chief justice of the district, or any associate justice of the county, with two sufficient securities, freeholders of the county, and shall immediately after the execution thereof be delivered by the said justice to the clerk of the county court, to be by him recorded, and a copy thereof, certified under the seal of the court, shall be good evidence to prove the execution of such bond in any court of this state.

And in certain cases to have the same remedy, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That if any coroner, against whom any judgment shall be entered for default in not producing the body of the person against whom process may have been issued, shall satisfy the plaintiff the amount of his debt and costs, he shall have the same remedy against the defendant on the plaintiff's judgment against him as the plaintiff himself might originally have had.

## An ACT respecting the stealing and counterfeiting of checks or orders on banks.

Passed January 20.

Stealing any check, &c. deemed forgery, &c.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person or persons within this state shall steal, or take by robbery, any check or checks, order or orders, drawn on any bank established, or that may be established, under a charter from the government of the United States, or of any particular state, it shall be deemed and construed to be felony, of the same nature and in the same degree as if the offender or offenders had stolen or taken by robbery any other goods of like value with the money due on such check or checks, order or orders, and such offender or offenders shall suffer such punishment as he, she or they, should or might have done if he, she or they, had stolen or taken by robbery other goods of like value with the money due on such check or checks, order or orders.

Persons counterfeiting adjudged felons, &c.

II. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall, within this state, forge or counterfeit any check or checks, order or orders, on any of the said banks, or pay, or tender in payment, or in any manner pass or offer to pass, such forged or counterfeited check or checks, order or orders, knowing such check or checks, order or orders, to be forged or counterfeited, and shall thereof be convicted in any court of law within this state, he, she or they, shall be adjudged a felon or felons, and suffer such punishment as if he, she or they, had been adjudged guilty of stealing or taking by robbery goods of the like value with the money expressed to be due on such check or checks, order or orders.