

CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT relating to Crimes and Punishments.

See 1809, ch. 138, ante page 572.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* Counterfeiting or-
That any person who shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, ders, let-
any letter or paper writing, containing a request that any other ters, &c.
person may pay or deliver any money, goods, or other thing of
value, on or for the account of any person referred to, in or by
such letter or paper writing, with intent to defraud; or any per- Or obtain-
son who shall knowingly and fraudulently obtain any money, ing goods,
goods, or other thing of value, by means of any such letter or &c. thereby
paper writing; or any person who shall knowingly and fraudu- Or uttering
lently utter or publish any such letter or paper writing; shall the same.
upon conviction thereof, be confined in the penitentiary-house Penalty.
of this state, for a term not less than two years nor more than
ten years for each and every offence.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That when any infant under the Case con-
age of fifteen years, shall be convicted of any indictable offence, viction of
other than some malicious felony, the court before whom such persons un-
conviction shall take place, shall have full power and authority der 15 years
of age.
to suspend sentence upon such convicted party, and bind the Court may
same to a master or mistress, whether resident within or with- bind out.
out this state, or to procure other employment for the same, in
or out of this state, and to compel such infant to comply with
the terms of their judgment in the premises: *Provided how- Limitation.*
ever, that no binding as aforesaid, shall be for a term extending
beyond the age of sixteen years in females and twenty-one
years in males, and that the infant be not bound to any service
in the county within which he or she shall have been convicted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the several courts of this Courts au-
state having jurisdiction of crimes and offences, may in cases thorized to
where recognizances to prosecute have been entered into, and compromise cases
before presentment or indictment found, upon the motion of the of assaults
and batte-
attorney-general or his deputy, with the consent of the parties ries in cer-
injured and accused, compromise any assault and battery, the tain cases.
party accused paying the same costs as would have been in-
curred by the finding of a true bill and plea of guilty; *Pro-
vided,* that such courts shall consider it proper in reference to
the peace of the state so to do.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That if any person shall mali- Penalty for
ciously set fire to and burn any untenanted dwelling-house, burning un-
such person shall, on conviction thereof, be confined in the tenanted
penitentiary for a term not less than two years nor more than houses, &c.
ten years.