

the authority of the same, That in all actions and prosecutions hereafter to be commenced against any person or persons for unlading or casting out any ballast contrary to the said act, it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the court in which such action or prosecution shall be commenced, upon affidavit or other evidence of such offence, given to the satisfaction of such court, to award special bail, or security, as the case may require, and in default of such bail or security to commit the offender to the custody of the sheriff until he shall put in such bail or security as is usual in other cases, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if a verdict pass against such offender, judgment on confession or by default be rendered against him, the plaintiff or informer shall recover full costs. Plaintiff to recover costs, &c.

CHAPTER 28.

AN ACT for the relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Repealed with all of its supplements, by 1817, ch. 183.

HERE THE LAWS MADE UNDER THE PROPRIETARY GOVERNMENT END.

FEBRUARY, 1777.—CHAPTER 5.

AN ACT to direct the forms of the commissions to the Judges and Justices and civil officers of this state, and the oath of office to be taken by the Governor, the Chancellor, Judges, Justices, and all civil officers of this state.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the governor, chancellor, judges, justices, and all other civil officers of government, shall take the following oaths respectively, before they enter into the execution of their respective offices. The oath of the governor: 'I, A. B. elected governor of the state of Maryland, by the senate and house of delegates thereof, do solemnly promise and swear, that I will, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the said office diligently and faithfully, according to the constitution and laws of the said state, without favour, affection or partiality; and that I will, to the utmost of my power, support, maintain and defend, the state of Maryland, the constitution and laws, the freedom and independency thereof, against all open enemies, or secret and traitorous conspiracies, and will constantly endeavour to protect the people thereof in the secure enjoyment of all their rights and privileges; and that the laws of the state be duly observed, and that law and justice, in mercy, be executed in all judgments, and that I will peaceably and quietly resign the office of governor, to which I have been elected, at the period to which my continuance in the said office is or shall be limited by law' Oaths of office to be taken, &c.