shall, on the receipt thereof, pay one-half to the informer, and the other half to the sheriff of his county, who shall pay the same to the treasurer of his shore for the use of this state; and if the fine, penalty or forfeiture, shall be recovered by indictment, the court before whom such recovery shall happen, shall either commit the offender to the public gaol till payment to the sheriff, or may order execution to levy the same, with the costs of the execution, on the offender's lands, goods or chattels, and the sheriff receiving or collecting the same, shall pay the same to the treasurer of his shore where such recovery shall happen, for the use of this state; and if recovered by action of debt, the same shall be paid by the sheriff receiving or collecting the same, one half thereof, with the costs, to the informer, and the other half to the treasurer of the shore where recovered, for the use of this state: and no prosecution or suit shall be commenced for any fine, penalty or forfeiture, unless within one year from the time of the offence committed.

See 1795, ch. 74, for the more speedy and effectual recovery of fines, &c. By 1829, ch. 11, it is the duty of the clerk to tax the costs and receive them, and the fine if tendered, and pay them over to the sheriff.

By 1829, ch. 11, no execution to issue on fines imposed in a court of law for sixty days, if the party fined will give security for the payment thereof in the usual manner. By 1830, ch. 60, a party fined may in certain cases, upon proof of inability to pay, be discharged from confinement.

Sec. 2. By 1825, ch. 195, all laws, relating to amerciaments accruing in the trial of causes are abolished and a tax is to be paid in lieu thereof.

CHAPTER 8.

An Acr to establish Orphans Courts in the several counties of this state. This law is merged in 1798, ch. 101, save sec. 19.

Register of to have the care of records, &c.

SEC. 19. And be it enacted, That the register of wills for P. George's Prince George's county, shall for the present have the care and custody of the records of the prerogative office, and on application make searches and give out copies of said records; and that it shall and may be lawful for the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, to cause the said records to be removed to any other county, and when so removed, the register of such county where removed shall have the custody of said records, and on application make searches and give out copies thereof.

CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT concerning Marriages.

See 1785, ch. 35; 1790, ch. 20.

Certain marriages to be void.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That if any person within this state shall hereafter marry with any person related within any of the degrees of kindred or affinity expressed in the following table, such marriage shall be void.