

marriage licenses is thereby repealed after the 1st of May, 1798. By the said act the time of returning the lists of licenses is altered, and the penalty of one hundred pounds is discontinued.

Chancellor  
to deter-  
mine, &c.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That the chancellor shall and may hear and determine all causes for alimony, in as full and ample manner as such causes could be heard and determined by the laws of England in the ecclesiastical courts there.

General  
court may  
inquire, &c.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That the general court may inquire into, hear and determine, either on indictment or petition of either of the parties, the validity of any marriage, and may declare any marriage, contrary to the table in this act, or any second marriage, the first subsisting, null and void; and on appeal the depositions and evidence given in the cause shall be transmitted with the record to the court of appeals, and thereupon such cause shall be heard, determined and adjudged de novo.

See 1805, ch. 65.

### CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT for the more speedy and effectual recovery of common law fines, and forfeited recognizances.

See ante 129, 1777, ch. 6, and the notes thereto.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the public administration of justice has been greatly impeded by the many forfeitures of recognizances taken for the appearance of offenders, and witnesses against them, and the irregular collection of the stipulated sums thereon due, and also of the common law fines imposed on public delinquents;

Attorney-  
general to  
order writs,  
&c.

SEC. 2. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of June next, whenever any recognizance, taken for the appearance of any person or persons to answer, or of any person or persons to testify, shall be forfeited in any court of record, or where any fine or fines shall, after the said first day of June next, be imposed by any court of record for any common law offence, on any person or persons, it shall and may be lawful for the attorney-general, or either of his deputies, to order a writ or writs of *capias ad satisfaciendum*, or a writ or writs of *feri facias*, to be issued for the recovery of the sum or sums thereon due, on which writ or writs such proceeding shall and may be had, as in cases where similar writs are issued on judgments obtained in personal suits.

By 1795, ch. 74, the attorney-general or his deputies are directed, on the application of the sheriffs, to order a writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum* for the recovery of all fines, &c. with the costs.

SEC. 3. Repealed by 1791, ch. 63, and 1795, ch. 54.

Clerk to  
deliver lists  
yearly, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the clerk of the general court and of each county court, shall, on or before the fifteenth