

Party in
contempt to
pay a fine,
&c.

SEC. 22. *And be it enacted*, That in order to enforce obedience to the process, rules and orders, of the chancery court, in all cases where any party or person shall be in contempt for disobedience, non-performance or non-observance, of any process, rule or order, of the chancellor or chancery court, or for any other matter or thing whatsoever, whereby or wherein a contempt, according to the rules, law, practice or course, of the said court may be incurred, such party or person shall, for every such contempt, and before he shall be released or discharged from the same, pay to the register in chancery, (to be by him accounted for upon oath, and paid, at the end of every six months, to the treasurer of the western shore, to the use of the state,) a sum not exceeding ten pounds current money, as a fine for the purgation of every such contempt, and that the said party or person being in court, upon any process of contempt, or otherwise, upon the order of the chancery court, shall and may stand committed and remain in close custody, until the said process, rule or order, shall be fully performed, obeyed and fulfilled, and until the said fine or fines for such contempts imposed by the said court, and the costs, shall be fully paid and discharged.

Sheriff, &c.
may be
amerced,
&c.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That if any sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to whom any process or order, according to the course of the chancery court, shall or may be directed or delivered, shall serve and execute, and return served or executed, and the said sheriff, coroner and other public officer, is and are hereby authorized and commanded to serve and execute any process of contempt, whether it be an attachment of contempt, attachment with proclamations, or any order of the chancellor commanding such sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to take and bring into court the body or bodies of the person or persons therein mentioned, and the said sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, do and shall not bring into and have in court the body or bodies of the person or persons mentioned, according to the tenor of the process or order, and the return thereof, the plaintiff or person obtaining such process or order may move, that the sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, be amerced, and it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor, upon motion, to amerce such sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, nisi the court next following such motion for amerciamento, or the return of the process, or order any sum of money or tobacco, (having regard to the value of the matter, thing or sum, in question or demand,) and fine for contempt and costs, to compel such sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to comply with and fulfil the tenor of the process or order, and the return thereof, as the chancellor may think proper; and that when the