

Penalty on
sheriff, &c.
for neglect,
&c.

SEC. 24. *And be it enacted*, That if any sheriff, coroner or other public officer, to whose hands any writ, process or order, of the chancery court, shall come or be delivered, shall refuse, neglect or delay, to make return thereof, according to the tenor and day of return of such writ, process or order, the same not being countermanded, such sheriff, coroner or other public officer, shall be in contempt, and process of contempt shall, upon motion, be awarded and issued against him, and before he shall be discharged from such contempt, he shall pay to the register, as herein before provided, as a fine for the said contempt, a sum not exceeding ten pounds current money, to be imposed by the court, and the costs incurred by means thereof.

On judgment, &c.
chancellor
may issue
attachment,
&c.

SEC. 25. *And*, to the end that all judgments and decrees of the court of chancery, as well those which may pass upon bills or petitions taken pro confesso, as in all other cases, may be speedily and effectually executed and fulfilled, *Be it further enacted*, That the plaintiff having obtained a judgment or decree, and having served the defendant therein named with an attested copy thereof under seal, upon affidavit made to the satisfaction of the court of such service, and the refusal, neglect or delay, of the defendant to obey, fulfil and perform, the same, or leaving an attested copy under seal of the said decree at the dwelling-house or last place of abode of the defendant, and upon affidavit thereof made to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendant could not or would not be found, so as to be personally served with such copy of the decree, or the plaintiff making it appear to the satisfaction of the court, by affidavit, that reasonable endeavours have been used to serve the defendant with an attested copy of the decree, and give him due notice thereof, but that the defendant could not or would not be found so as to be served personally with the same, it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor to issue attachment of contempt, attachment with proclamations, and also sequestration, against the defendant, until the decree shall be fully performed, fulfilled and executed, and the contempts cleared, or to order process of sequestration to issue to compel a performance of the said decree, by an immediate sequestration of the real and personal estate and effects of the defendant, or such part thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy the demand of the plaintiff in the decree specified and decreed, and to clear the contempts, or to issue fieri facias against the lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, of the defendant or defendants, upon which sufficient property shall be taken and sold to satisfy the demand of the plaintiff in the decree specified, or a capias ad satisfaciendum may be issued against the defendant or defendants by the chancellor, upon which