

## SPINNING WHEELS.

See EXECUTION.

## STABBING.

See CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.

## STATE.

The people of this state ought to have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government thereof—Decl. of Rights, art. 2.

No person in public trust ought to receive any present from any foreign prince or state, or from the United States, or any of them, without the approbation of this state—Decl. of Rights, art. 32.

All indictments shall conclude, against the peace, government and dignity of the state—Const. art. 57.

All penalties and forfeitures heretofore going to the king or proprietary shall go to the state, save only such as the general assembly may abolish, or otherwise provide for—Const. art. 58.

Any of the United States shall be recognized in this state a body politic and corporate for the purpose of prosecuting actions against any person residing in this state, on some citizen of this state being answerable for costs—1785, ch. 36, . . . . . 197

The act of March, 1778, ch. 9, entitled, 'an Act for the speedy recovery of public debts;' is noted in this work as superseded by the act of 1809, ch. 127. This act of 1778 is not indexed by chancellor Kilty, upon reflection I deem it advisable to reprint it, as it is not repealed, leaving to the judiciary to decide how far it ceases to operate from subsequent conflicting legislation.

## 1778.—CHAPTER 9.

AN ACT for the speedy recovery of Public Debts.

WHEREAS many large sums of money have been issued out of the public treasury of the United States, and state of Maryland, to divers persons who have not rendered any accounts for the same, and congress having requested that a law might pass in each respective state for the speedy recovery of debts due to the United States,

SEC. 2. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the auditor-general, or any person or persons authorized by congress, may cause process to issue in the general or any county court of this state, for any debt or sum of money now due and owing, or which shall hereafter become due to the United States, against any person or persons whatever, inhabiting, residing or being found within this state, or against any such person or persons who have received or hereafter shall receive money from the treasury of the United States, or by order of congress, and have not rendered, or shall not render, an account for the same, and a declaration or short note, expressing the cause of action, being filed with the clerk of the court before issuing the writ, and a copy of such