

expressly declared to be, the duty of the said treasurer, within three months thereafter, to order and direct suit or suits to be instituted and commenced on the said clerk's, sheriff's and collector's bond, respectively, for the recovery of all moneys so due and owing.

See 1800, ch. 82, sec. 4.

By 1829, ch. 90, it is the duty of the treasurer to direct legal proceedings for any pecuniary right or credits of the state which the debtor shall withhold for three months.

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SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the treasurer of the western or eastern shore respectively, upon the ordering any such suit or suits, may appoint any attorney to such suit or suits so directed to be brought, prosecuted or continued, as aforesaid; *Provided,* that all moneys to be recovered in said suits shall* paid to the treasurer of the western or eastern shore, and to no other person or persons whatsoever.

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See 1800, ch. 82.

By 1829, ch. 90, on the application of the treasurer the attorney-general to appoint deputies in such counties where he has none to attend to state claims.

Clerk on
whose bond
judgment
has been
entered, not
paying mo-
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declared
guilty of
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SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That if any clerk of any county court upon whose bond judgment shall be entered as aforesaid, and execution shall be issued, shall not pay the moneys due thereon to the respective treasurer for two successive terms to which said execution shall be returnable, such default shall be, and the same is hereby declared to be, misbehaviour in office, within the meaning of the constitution, and shall be prosecuted as such; and it shall be the duty of the respective county courts to give the same in charge to the grand jury of their counties respectively.

Treasurer
to lay a
statement
annually
before
legislature.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That a statement of the proceedings of the said treasurers respectively, in pursuance of this act, be annually, laid before the legislature.

CHAPTER 138.

AN ACT concerning Crimes and Punishments.

Supplements and other acts are ch. 200; 1811, ch. 2, 177, 206; 1816, ch. 45, 219; 1817, ch. 72, 112; 1818, ch. 157, 197; 1819, ch. 88, 132; 1820, ch. 88; 1821, ch. 150, 229, 244; 1822, ch. 169; 1823, ch. 67; 1824, ch. 144; 1825, ch. 93, 113; 1826, ch. 197, 229, 260; 1827, ch. 15, 37, 62; 1831, ch. 208, 323; 1832, ch. 155; 1833, ch. 254, 274; 1834, ch. 279, 286; 1835, ch. 200, 201, 319, 326; 1836, ch. 97, 156, 190, 315, 320, 333, 361; 1837, ch. 320.

See Index, 'title, Crimes and Punishments.'

Preamble.

WHEREAS it frequently happens, that men resigning themselves to the dominion of inordinate passion, commit great violations upon the lives, liberties or property, of others, which it is the great business of the laws to protect and secure, and