

county court of the county where the offence shall be committed, one-half to the informer, and the other half to the use of the state.

This act, so far as it imposes a tax, &c. on the Bank of the United States, or the branches thereof, was declared by the Supreme Court of the United States, at February term 1819, in the case of James W. McCulloh against the state of Maryland, and John James, who as well, &c. to be contrary to the constitution of the United States, and void. See Mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States entered in Lib. TH. No. 18, fol. 246, &c. one of the judgment records of the court of appeals for the western shore. See also 4 Wheaton, 316.

CHAPTER 178.

* 1798, ch. 101. A further SUPPLEMENT to an ACT*, entitled, an Act for amending and reducing into System the Laws and Regulations concerning Last Will and Testaments, the duties of Executors, Administrators and Guardians, and rights of Orphans and other Representatives of deceased persons.

See notes to the original act, ante page 370.

Powers
vested in
orphans
court.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the orphans courts of the several counties of this state, are hereby authorized and empowered, in all cases where letters testamentary or of administration have been or hereafter may be revoked, and new letters granted, by any of the said courts, to enforce, by attachment, sequestration of property and imprisonment, the delivery or payment over of all unadministered assets by the person whose letters as aforesaid have been or may be revoked, to the person to whom such new letters have been or may be granted.

CHAPTER 183.

AN additional SUPPLEMENT to the ACT, entitled, an Act for the relief of sundry Insolvent Debtors, passed November session eighteen hundred and five.*

* Ch. 110.

See notes to the original act, ante page 530.

Debtors
may apply
to judges of
orphans
court.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any imprisoned debtor may hereafter, immediately upon his or her confinement, make application, by petition, in writing, to any judge of the orphans court of the county in which he or she shall be so imprisoned, for discharge from said confinement, and the said judge shall have, and he is hereby invested with, the same power as is exercised by a judge of the county court, to grant such discharge, upon the petitioner giving bond, with security, and in a penalty to be approved and *preserved* by said judge, for his or her appearance before the judges of the county court of said county, at a time to be appointed by said judge, for a hearing before said court, on said petition, according to the provisions of the said original act.