

refuse immediately to proceed to execute the same, and when executed to make return thereof to the court, chancellor or judge, as the case may be, and take with him the person to whom the said writ may be directed, together with the person so confined or detained, or one of them, he shall upon conviction thereof, forfeit the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid to the person in whose behalf such writ of habeas corpus shall have issued, and if the said person, or some one on his or her behalf, shall not prosecute for the same within six months after such neglect or refusal, then one-half of the said forfeiture shall go to the state, and the other half to the person who may prosecute for the same.

Penalty on sheriff neglecting or refusing to serve writ.

CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT relating to the Chancery Court, Court of Appeals, the County and Orphans Courts, and for other purposes.

See note to 1785, ch. 72, ante page 208.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all cases in which the court of chancery, the county and orphans court, are authorized to order an investment in the funds, that they shall be and are hereby authorized to order and direct that the same be loaned out on real or such other security as they may approve, provided that the chancellor or judges of the said courts shall deem the same most advantageous for the interest of the parties.

In cases where courts are authorized to order an investment in the funds they may direct the same to be loaned out, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and sixteen, chapter one hundred and fifty-four, respecting the sales of real estate of minors, be extended to personal estate of such minors.

Provisions of act of 1816 extended to personal estate.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and seventeen, chapter one hundred and thirty-nine, entitled, an act to provide for the conveyance and return of process issued from the courts of one county to the officers of another, be extended to the chancery court and the court of appeals, and to the conveyance and return of process issued therefrom.

Provisions of act of 1817 extended to chancery court, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases where the chancellor, or county courts of this state exercising equity jurisdiction, shall decree or order or direct any sums of money to be paid out of any funds, or the proceeds thereof, arising from any proceeding or decree in the said courts, any person or persons who shall deem themselves aggrieved, may within three months after such decree or order, file a petition to the chancellor, or judges of the county court, as the case may be, praying an appeal from the decree or order of the said court to the court of appeals, and the same shall be allowed, and thereupon a copy of the proceedings, or such part thereof as may be necessary to set

In certain cases persons aggrieved may pray an appeal to court of appeals.