

## CHAPTER 198.

AN ACT for the relief of Poor and Distressed Families in cases of Execution for Debt, and Distress for Rent.

Repealed by 1821, ch. 117.

The 3d clause of this act repealed the 5th sec. of 1715, ch. 40, relating to attachments. In the 23d page of this compilation, that section is noted as repealed by 1820, ch. 198, sec. 5. This act being repealed, revives the 5th sec. of 1715, ch. 40, and it is therefore reprinted.

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SEC. 5. *Provided also*, That no sheriff, in any county within this province shall, by any attachment, or any other execution had upon such attachment, or any other execution whatsoever, levy, seize or take the goods and chattels of any the inhabitants of this province, so far as to deprive them of all livelihood for the future, but that corn for necessary maintenance, bedding, gun, axe, pot, and labourers' necessary tools, and such like household implements and ammunition for subsistence, shall be protected from all attachments and executions whatsoever.

## CHAPTER 199.

AN ACT more effectually to prevent the Anchoring of Vessels in the Fisheries in the Susquehanna River, and at the Head of the Chesapeake Bay, and for other purposes.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, Penalty on vessels, &c. anchoring in fisheries, &c. That if any vessel, float of timber or plank, or of any other materials, and of any description or kind soever, or boat of any description, unless compelled so to do by stress of weather, or other unavoidable accidents, shall be anchored or stayed in any fishery in the Susquehanna, or at the head of the Chesapeake bay, at any time between the first day of April, and the twentieth day of May in any year, and remain thus anchored for the space of half an hour, when the weather will admit of the departure of such vessel, float or boat, after being ordered to depart therefrom by the owner or occupiers of such fishery, the skipper, owner or owners, commanding such vessel, float or boat, shall forfeit and pay to the owner or occupier of such fishery the sum of twenty dollars for every such offence, one-half to the owner, and the other for the use of the county, and a further sum of ten dollars for every hour such vessel, float or boat, shall remain anchored or stayed as aforesaid after such notice, one-half to the owner, and the other for the use of the county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any such vessel, float or boat, shall be wittingly, wantonly and maliciously, sailed For sailing through seines, &c. through any seine extended in any of the said fisheries, the skipper, or other person commanding such vessel, float or boat, shall pay such damage as shall be ascertained by two respecta-