

## CHAPTER 144.

AN ACT to amend an Act concerning Crimes and Punishments.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That <sup>Crime defined.</sup> all murder which shall be committed by any person or persons in the arresting and imprisoning, or attempt to arrest and imprison any free person or persons, or any person or persons entitled to his, her or their freedom at or after a certain age, period or contingency, with intent forcibly to carry or to cause to be forcibly carried out of this state, the said person or persons so free or entitled to his, her or their freedom as aforesaid; the person or persons so committing said murder knowing such person or persons so arrested and imprisoned, or attempted to be arrested and imprisoned, to be free, or entitled to his, her or their freedom as aforesaid, shall be deemed murder of the first degree; and any person duly convicted of said murder, his, her or their aiders, abettors, and counsellors, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck.

## CHAPTER 145.

AN ACT relating to Coroners' Bonds.

See note to 1821, ch. 243, ante page 778.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* <sup>Bond prescribed.</sup> That every coroner, before he acts as such, shall, within sixty days after his appointment, or renewal of his commission, and in each and every year thereafter, give bond, or enter into a recognizance, with two sufficient sureties, to the state of Maryland, in the penalty of three thousand dollars, with a condition, that he will well and truly execute the office of coroner in all things thereunto belonging; and shall also well and faithfully execute and return all writs or other process to him directed; and shall also pay and deliver to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, all sums of money, all goods and chattels by him levied, seized or taken, agreeably to the directions of the writ or other process, under which the same shall have been levied, seized or taken; and also shall keep and detain in safe custody, all and every person and persons committed to his custody, or by him taken in execution, or who shall be committed for the want of bail, without suffering them to escape or depart from his custody; and shall also satisfy and pay all judgments which shall be rendered against him as coroner, and shall also well and truly execute and perform the several duties required of or imposed upon him by the laws of this state; which bond or recognizance, shall be entered into before and approved by the judges of the orphans court, or some one of them; and shall immediately after the execution thereof, be recorded in the county court office, of the county in which the party so executing shall act as coroner.