

current money, as a fine for the purgation of every such contempt, and that the said party or person being in court, upon any process of contempt, or otherwise, upon the order of the chancery court, shall and may stand committed, and remain in close custody until the said process, rule or order, shall be fully performed, obeyed and fulfilled, and until the said fine or fines for such contempts imposed by the said court, and the costs, shall be fully paid and discharged.

23. AND BE IT ENACTED. That if any sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to whom any process or order, according to the course of the chancery court, shall or may be directed or delivered, shall serve and execute, and return served or executed, and the said sheriff, coroner and other public officer, is and are hereby authorised and commanded to serve and execute any process of contempt, whether it be an attachment of contempt, attachment with proclamations, or any order of the chancellor commanding such sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to take and bring into court the body or bodies of the person or persons therein mentioned, and the said sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, do and shall not bring into and have in court the body or bodies of the person or persons mentioned, according to the tenor of the process or order, and the return thereof, the plaintiff or person obtaining such process or order may move, that the said sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, be amerced, and it shall and may be lawful for the chancellor, upon motion, to amerce such sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, *nisi* the court next following such motion for amerciamento, or the return of the process, or order any sum of money or tobacco, (having regard to the value of the matter, thing or sum, in question or demand,) and fine for contempt and costs, to compel such sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to comply with and fulfil the tenor of the process or order, and the return thereof, as the chancellor may think proper; and that when the said amerciamento, (which the chancellor may, in his discretion, as he may see just cause, continue, or enlarge or increase, from court to court,) shall be no longer continued, enlarged or increased, and thereby become final, the chancellor may, upon motion, order the said sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, to pay the said amerciamento and costs to the plaintiff or other person at whose instance the said amerciamento is made, and fine for contempt, and upon a non-compliance with the said order for payment, may issue process of *fiere facias* against the lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels, of the said sheriff, coroner or other public officer, which shall thereupon be taken and sold to satisfy such amerciamento and fine for contempt, or the chancellor may issue a *capias ad satisfaciendum* against such sheriff, coroner or other public officer, for the said amerciamento and fine for contempt, and there shall be the same proceedings thereon as at common law, or the chancellor may, upon motion, order the said sheriff, coroner, or other public officer or person, so amerced, and in court upon process of contempt, or otherwise, to stand committed and be kept in close custody until the said amerciamento and costs, and fine for contempt, be fully satisfied; and in case the amerciamento aforesaid shall not be satisfied and paid by means aforesaid, within six months from

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