

2. **BE IT ENACTED**, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the offences herein after mentioned against the government and the supremacy of the laws, shall be punished in manner following; that is to say, 1st. Every person duly convicted of the crime of high treason against the state, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck, or be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary-house herein after mentioned for a period not less than six nor more than twenty years, at the discretion of the court, and shall be kept therein at hard labour, or in solitude, and shall in all things be treated and dealt with as is herein after directed. 2d. Every free negro, mulatto or slave, who shall be duly convicted of actually raising, and every white person who shall be duly convicted of actually raising, with any free negro, mulatto or slave, insurrection or rebellion in this state, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck; and every free negro, mulatto or slave, who shall be duly convicted of consulting, conspiring, or attempting to raise, and every white person who shall be duly convicted of consulting, conspiring, or attempting, with any free negro, mulatto or slave, to raise, insurrection or rebellion in this state, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period of time not less than six or more than twenty years, to be treated in all respects as herein after directed. 3d. Every person who shall be duly convicted of the crime of counterfeiting the great seal of this state for the time being, or the seal of any court, or any other public seal of this state, and of making use of the same, or of stealing any of the said true seals, or of unlawfully, falsely and corruptly, or with evil intent, affixing any of them to any deed, warrant or writing, or who shall be convicted of having in his or her possession or custody such counterfeit instrument, and shall wilfully conceal the same, knowing it to be falsely made or counterfeited, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period of time not less than five nor more than ten years, to be treated as herein after directed. 4th. Every person who shall be convicted of having forged and counterfeited any gold or silver coin, which now is or hereafter shall be passing or in circulation within this state, or of having falsely uttered, paid, or tendered in payment, any such counterfeit and forged coin, knowing the same to be forged and counterfeited, or of having aided, abetted or commanded, the perpetration of either of the said crimes, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary-house not less than four nor more than ten years, to be treated as herein after directed.

3. **AND** whereas the several offences which are included under the general denomination of murder, differ so greatly from each other in the degree of their atrociousness, that it is unjust to involve them in the same punishment, therefore, **BE IT ENACTED**, That all murder which shall be perpetrated by means of poison, or by lying in wait, or by any kind of wilful, deliberate and premeditated killing, or which shall be committed in the perpetration of, or attempt to perpetrate, any arson, or to burn any barn, tobacco-house, stable, warehouse, or other out-house, not parcel of any dwelling-house, having therein any tobacco, grain, hay, horses, cattle, or goods, wares and merchandise, rape, sodomy, mayhem,

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Punishment of offences affecting government.
1. Of treason.

2. Of insurrection of negroes, &c.

3. Of counterfeiting public seals.

4. Of counterfeiting coin.

Murder of the first degree