

ten days before the return day of the writ, and if it shall appear by the return of such sheriff or coroner on such writ, that such copies have been delivered or served as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the court, and they are required at the first term, upon motion on behalf of the state, to compel such defendant or defendants to proceed to trial the same term, and if such defendant or defendants shall neglect or refuse to appear or plead forthwith, to enter judgment in the name of the state against such defendant or defendants for the debt claimed, with interest and costs, and if the suit be on bond to enter judgment in the name of the state, against such defendant or defendants for the penalty, to be released by the payment of such sum as shall have been stated and signed by the Treasurer, with interest thereon till paid, and costs and execution shall thereupon issue as on other judgments obtained in such courts, unless sufficient legal cause be shewn why there should be a continuance to the next term.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That hereafter no payment of any money or debt due the state either in suit or on judgment shall be valid and effectual, unless made to the Treasurer, or to such person as shall have been specially appointed and authorised by him to receive the same, or unless made to such sheriff, coroner or elisor, as may or shall be authorised to receive the same by virtue of any execution or other judicial process issued on such judgment to enforce the recovery or payment thereof, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Payments valid only when made to treasurer &c.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all cases in the Court of Appeals, in which the state is or may be a party or interested, shall in preference to other causes, be heard, tried and determined at the first term to which the record shall have been transmitted, unless legal cause of continuance shall appear or be shewn.

Trials of appeals—preference.

CHAPTER 69.

*A supplement to the act, entitled, An act to allow Adam Robb, executor of Upton Beall, late clerk of Montgomery county court, further time to complete certain Records, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty eight, chapter two.*

Passed Feb. 6, 1832

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland;* That the time allowed to Adam Robb, executor of Upton

Time extended.