

Bigamy.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 30, sec. 11. 1706, ch. 8. 1809, ch. 138, sec. 7.

17. Whosoever being married shall, the first husband or wife (as the case may be,) being alive, marry any person, shall undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than eighteen months nor more than nine years; provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any person whose husband or wife shall be continuously remaining beyond the seas seven years together, or shall be absent himself or herself seven years together, in any part within the United States or elsewhere, the one of them not knowing the other to be living at that time; and if such offender be a man, his first wife shall, on his conviction, be forthwith endowed of one-third part of his real estate, which she shall hold as tenant in dower, the assignment of which shall be made as prescribed by law in other cases of dower, and she shall have the like remedy for the recovery thereof; and she shall also, on his conviction, be forthwith entitled to one-third part of his personal estate, in the same manner as if such husband had died intestate, and she had survived him, which third part shall be divided and allotted to her in the same manner as distribution is made of the personal estate of intestates; and if the said offender be a man, he shall, on conviction, forfeit his claim or title as tenant by the curtesy, and also all his claim or title to any estate, real, personal or mixed, which he may have in right of his first wife; and if the said offender be a woman, she shall, on conviction, forfeit her claim to dower of the estate of her first husband, and also her distributive share of his personal estate, which she would be entitled to if he had died intestate, and she had survived him.

Sellman v Bowen, 8 G. & J. 50. Dennison v. Dennison, 35 Md. 361. Jones v. Jones, 48 Md. 399. Barber v State, 50 Md. 161. Johns v. State, 55 Md. 362. Lebrun v. Lebrun, 55 Md. 506.

Blasphemy.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 30, sec 12. 1723, ch. 16, sec. 1. 1819, ch 49.

18. If any person, by writing or speaking, shall blaspheme or curse God, or shall write or utter any profane words of and concerning our Saviour Jesus Christ, or of and concerning the Trinity, or any of the persons thereof, he shall, on conviction, be