

Repeal. Public General Laws, title "Courts," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

Construction of power of courts. 4. The power of the several courts of the State to issue attachments and inflict summary punishments for contempt of courts, shall not be construed to extend to any cases except the following: (1.) The misbehavior of any person or persons in the presence of the said courts, or so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice; (2.) The misbehavior of any officers of the said courts in their official transactions; (3.) The disobedience or resistance by any officer of the said courts, party, juror, witness or any other person or persons to any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree or command of the said courts; (4.) For unlawfully detaining or fraudulently and wilfully preventing, or disabling from attending or testifying a witness or party to an action, while going to, remaining at, or returning from the court, or sitting of an examiner in equity, or commissioner, where such cause may be set for trial, hearing, or the taking of testimony; (5.) For fraudulently and wilfully removing, concealing or destroying any book, paper or document for the production of which for purposes of evidence, either at the trial of a cause, or before an examiner in equity, or commissioner, notice shall have been given; (6.) For rescuing any person from the custody or removing any property from the possession of any officer holding said person or property by virtue of any writ of a court of competent jurisdiction; (7.) Any person for assuming to be any attorney, solicitor, or other officer of the court, and acting as such without authority.

Manner of dealing with offenses. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every offense which has been, or shall have been, wholly or partly committed against the law hereby repealed, before this Act goes into operation, shall be dealt with, inquired into, tried, determined and punished, and every penalty in respect to any such offense shall be imposed or inflicted, and any fine shall be imposed, enforced or recovered as if said law had not been repealed; and no case or proceeding pending shall abate, by reason of such repeal; and provided, also, that any liability in respect to any matter or thing committed or done before this Act comes into operation shall continue and be of the same force and effect as if said law had not been repealed.

Approved March 14, 1898.

CHAPTER 32.

AN ACT to repeal Sections 11 and 14 of Article 24 of the Public Local Laws of Maryland, entitled "Worcester County,"