

shall apply to all cases covered by this act, and that this act shall not apply to debts contracted after the tenth day of May next.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the period allowed by this act, and said act of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, chapter seventeen, shall not be computed as a portion of the three years within which an execution may issue on any judgment, or decree to which the stay of execution, provided for by this act or the said act of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, chapter seventeen, is applicable.

This act—time of operation, how computed.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That where any execution had been levied upon personal property at the time when said act of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, chapter seventeen, went into effect, and sale was stayed under such execution by said act, the officer serving said execution shall not be held responsible for said property, unless he shall have taken and held said property in his actual possession.

Officers released from responsibility.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act or the act of which this is amendatory shall apply to judgments or decrees, rendered in favor of the State or in any way affect, limit, or restrain attachments on warrant, or judgment against the lands, goods, and chattels, rights, and credits of non-residents or absconding debtors, as practiced under existing laws.

Non-residents and absconding debtors.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That nothing contained in this act nor in the said act of which this is amendatory, shall be construed to prevent the sale of any real or personal estate under any decree or order heretofore passed, or that may be hereafter passed upon a creditor's bill, where all the parties to the cause wherein such decree or order has been or may be passed, shall agree to such sale, by consent in writing, to be signed by said parties, or their attorney, or attorneys, and in case any of said parties may be infants, by the guardian, or guardians, of such infants, and to be filed in such cause.

Construction.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the tenth day of May next.

In force.