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Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, and during the continuance of the act of congress, entitled, An act imposing an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbours of the United States, and of the several supplements thereto, and within six months after the repeal of the said act and of the several supplements thereto, execution against the body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, of any person or persons within this State, shall issue upon any judgment or decree already obtained, or hereafter to be obtained, in any court of law or equity within this State, or before any justice of the peace of this State, provided the person or persons against whom any judgment or decree is or may be obtained, shall come before one of the judges of the judicial districts in which such person or persons respectively reside, or before any two of the justices of the peace of the county in which such person or persons shall respectively reside, and, either with not less than two other persons, such as the said judge or justices shall approve, confess judgment for the debt or damages and costs of suit, adjudged or decreed, which confession shall be in manner and form following: "You A. B. C. D. and E. F. do jointly and severally confess judgment to G. H. for the sum of —, and costs, which were recovered by the said G. H. against the said A. B. on the — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand —, in the — court, or, (as the case may be,) before —, Esquire, one of the justices of the peace in and for — county; the said sum of money, and costs, to be levied of your body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, for the use of the said G. H. in case the said A. B. shall not pay and satisfy to the said G. H. the said sum of money, and costs, so as aforesaid recovered, with additional costs thereon, which confession shall be signed by the judge or justices before whom the same shall be made, and he or they, as the case may be, shall immediately on taking the same grant a certificate thereof, under his or their hand and seal, to the party confessing the judgment, and such certificate shall be sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, to forbear serving the execution on the body, goods or chattels, lands or tenements, of the person so obtaining such certificate; and that if any person now in execution, or who hereafter shall be taken in execution, or whose goods or chattels, lands or tenements, are now or hereafter shall be taken in execution, during the continuance of the said act of congress, and of the several supplements thereto, or within six months after the repeal thereof, shall obtain a certificate in manner aforesaid, such certificate, so obtained, and delivered to the sheriff, or coroner or constable, (as the case may be,) shall be a sufficient authority to the sheriff, coroner or constable, (as the case may be,) to release the person or persons from confinement upon such execution, or restore and deliver the goods or chattels, lands or tenements, so taken in execution, to the person or persons against whom such execution may have issued, such person or persons giving to the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, sufficient security for the poundage or other fees on any such execution, and provided goods or chattels, lands or tenements, so taken in execution, were not sold before the certificate was delivered to the sheriff, coroner or constable, (as the case may be;) the judge or justices before whom the confession shall be confessed as aforesaid, shall, within thirty days thereafter, under the penalty of ten dollars for every neglect, and a further sum of three dollars for every day that shall continue such neglect, after the expiration of the said thirty days, return the certificate to the clerk or register, (as the case may be,) of the respective courts where the judgment or decree was obtained, there recorded, for which recording such clerk or register shall receive as a fee eight cents, and in case the said confession was on the part of a justice of the peace, then such confession of judgment shall be returned to

the clerk of the county where the said justice may reside, to be by him recorded, and for the recording of which he shall be entitled to receive eight cents; which said penalty may be recovered by any person who shall sue for the same, by action of debt or bill of indictment, in the county court of the county where the judge or justices shall reside.

II. And be it enacted, That from and after the expiration of six months after the repeal of the said act of congress, and of the several supplements thereto, and not before, and at any time within one year thereafter, it shall and may be lawful for the plaintiff or plaintiffs to sue out execution on judgments so as aforesaid confessed, or judgment so as aforesaid superseded, without suing out a scire facias, or being subject to further delay, against the principal, his securities, or either of them, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. And be it enacted, That in any case in which a decree for foreclosure and sale of mortgaged property has been, or shall be obtained, in any court of equity, or courts of law exercising equitable jurisdiction, within this State, no sale shall take place thereon during the continuance of the said act of congress, and of the several supplements thereto, or within six months after the repeal thereof; provided, that the mortgagor or mortgagors, or those claiming under him, her or them, if of full age, or such of them as are of full age, shall annually, if required, pay or give bond to the mortgagee or mortgagees, his, her or their executors, administrators and assigns, with a security or securities, to be approved of by the chancellor, one of the judges of the judicial district, or two justices of the peace of the county wherein the mortgaged premises may be, for one year's interest on the amount of the claim secured by such mortgage, which said interest shall nevertheless continue a lien upon said mortgaged property; and in case the said mortgaged property shall consist of personal goods and chattels, that a bond shall likewise be given, with security to be approved of as aforesaid, in the penal sum of twice the amount of the mortgaged debt, conditioned that such property shall not be wasted or concealed, but that the same shall be forthcoming upon any further order of said court.

IV. And be it enacted, That as often as any creditor, or the executors or administrators of any such creditor, shall conceive him or herself in danger of suffering from the insufficiency of any security so as aforesaid to be taken by virtue of and under this act, he, she or they, may apply to the judge or justices before whom the said confession was made, or in case of the death, removal, resignation or disqualification, of such judge or justices, or either of the said justices, then to any other judge of the judicial district, or justices as aforesaid; and if it shall appear to the said judge or justices that the said application is well founded, he or they shall issue a summons, directed to the sheriff or constable of the county where the person or persons having confessed such judgment may reside, requiring him, her or them, within a fixed reasonable time, to be mentioned in such summons, to enter into another confession of the same judgment, with other securities, to be approved of by said judge or justices, and upon the failure or neglect of such person or persons to comply with the requisition in such summons contained, the said judge or justices, upon proof of the service of such summons, or of its being left at the last place of abode of the person or persons on whom it should have been served, are hereby directed to deliver, upon the same being applied for, a statement, under his or their hands and seals, of the issuing of such summons, and the failure of compliance therewith, upon the delivery whereof to the clerk or register of the court where such confession of judgment was returned, the plaintiff or plaintiffs in the original judgment may have and use the same proceedings thereon which might or could have been had if this act had never passed; provided always, that if after the expiration of the time mentioned in the said summons, a confession of judgment as therein required shall be entered into, and a certificate thereof obtained, such certificate shall have the same force and operation as it would have had under this act if no antecedent confession of judgment had ever been made, and the said confession of judgment shall be returned and recorded, in the same manner, and under the same penalties, as are herein before prescribed.

V. And be it enacted, That in all and every case where the person or persons against whom any judgment or decree hath heretofore been obtained have superseded the same, in the manner prescribed by the original act to which this is a further supplement, it shall and may be lawful for such person or persons

to supersede the original judgment or decree in the manner pointed out by this act, and such confession shall operate as a stay of execution as well upon the said original judgment as upon the said former confession.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any judgment or decree as aforesaid, for a sum certain, which doth not purport to carry interest on the money or tobacco for which the same was obtained, shall be stayed by reason of any confession as aforesaid, such sum shall bear interest from the date of such confession, and it shall and may be lawful for the party who may hereafter sue out execution on said confession of judgment, or the original judgment on which such confession was made, to compel payment of interest on the said sum of money or tobacco from the date of the said confession, by endorsing on the execution his claim of interest from the time when the said confession was entered into, and the sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, shall levy such interest accordingly.

VII. And be it enacted, That no distress for rent shall be made during the continuance of the said act of congress, and of the several supplements thereto, or within six months after the repeal of the same, provided the tenant or tenants enter into bond to the landlord or landlords, his, her or their executors or administrators, with such security, and in such penalty as two justices of the peace of the county wherein the lands or tenements for which said rent may have accrued, are situated, shall approve or condition for the payment of the sum due six months after the repeal of the said acts of congress, with interest thereon from the time the said rent became due; and the said bond, so as aforesaid taken, shall be retained by the justices of the peace taking the same, to be by them delivered to the person or persons to whom the rent is or may be so as aforesaid due; and in case any distress for rent shall be made during the continuance of the aforesaid acts of congress, and of the several supplements thereto, or within six months after the repeal thereof, if the person or persons so as aforesaid distressed shall enter into bond, in manner aforesaid, the justices so as aforesaid taking the said bond, shall grant a certificate thereof to the person or persons so as aforesaid distressed; and the said certificate being delivered to the officer making the distress, and on his being paid, or security being given for the fees incurred by the said distress, the officer making the said distress shall and he is hereby authorized and directed to return and deliver the goods and chattels to the person or persons so distressed.

VIII. And be it enacted, That if any person, or the executors or administrators of any person, to whom any such bond shall be executed, shall conceive him, her or themselves, in danger of suffering from the insufficiency of security upon such bond, it shall and may be lawful for him, her or them, to apply to the two justices of the peace before whom the said bond was executed, or upon the death, removal or disqualification, of the said justices, or either of them, then to any other two justices of the peace of the county aforesaid, who may, if they deem the said application well founded, cause a notice, under their hands and seals, to be served upon the person or persons, their executors or administrators, for the rent due, by whom the said bond was given or left at his, her or their last place of abode, requiring him, her or them, within a fixed reasonable time thereafter, to enter into a new bond, with other security, to be approved of by said justices, and, upon neglect or failure to comply with the said requisition, then it shall and may be lawful for the said person, or his executors or administrators, to whom the said bond was executed, to sue immediately on the said bond, and to distress for the rent for which the same was given, in the same manner that he, she or they, might or could have done before the passage of this act.

IX. And be it enacted, That if, after the repeal of the said act of congress, and of the several supplements thereto, and six months after the repeal of the same, the tenant or tenants, or any person claiming by, through or under him, her or them, shall hold and occupy the lands or tenements for the rent due for the occupation, whereof bond hath been given as aforesaid, that then and in that case the landlord or landlords, his, her or their executors or administrators, may proceed to distress for the same in the manner that he, she or they, might or could have done before the passage of this act.

X. And be it enacted, That during the continuance of the said act of congress, and of the several supplements thereto, and for six months after the repeal thereof, it shall and may be lawful, in all cases of debt on bond,

note or account, when the sum or amount claimed is or shall have been ascertained, such bond, note or account, as aforesaid, any debtor and creditor, or any agent or attorney legally authorized by said creditor, apply to the clerk of the county court in which the debtor shall reside, and the clerk, upon application of the said party and with their consent and direction, enter judgment against such debtor, by confession, for such sum of money as shall be ascertained as aforesaid, subject to such terms as may be agreed upon by the said party without any writ or other process being issued for the recovery of such sum or claim, each judgment, so entered as aforesaid, shall have the same legal effect to all intents and purposes, as any judgment entered in court, during the sitting thereof.

XI. And be it enacted, That at the time entering up any judgment as aforesaid, plaintiff, his or her agent or attorney, in such cases, shall deliver to the clerk the bond, note or account, as the case may be, on which judgment shall have been entered as aforesaid, and the said clerk shall cause the same to be recorded in his office amongst the judgment records of said office, and in no case shall execution issue on any judgment confessed as aforesaid, until the expiration of six months after the repeal of the aforesaid act of congress and its several supplements, and until at such further stay, if any, as shall or may have been agreed on by the creditor, his or her agent or attorney, and the debtor, and all such services as aforesaid rendered by the clerk, it shall be lawful for him to receive the same fees as are prescribed by law in cases of a like nature in the county court.

XII. And be it enacted, That the following fees shall be allowed to each of the justices, for services performed under this act: For taking bond, twelve and a half cents; for issuing summons, six cents; for superdeceas, twelve and a half cents; for every certificate six cents.

A Further supplement to an act, entitled, An act for regulating the mode of staying executions, and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any confession of judgment entered into in the manner prescribed by the act to which this is a further supplement, and the supplements thereto, before one justice of the peace, on a judgment rendered by a justice of the peace, shall be of the same effect and operation as if the same was confessed before two justices of the peace.

II. And be it enacted, That the provision of the further supplement, passed at this session, to the original act to which this is a further supplement, shall not extend to judgments rendered, or to be rendered, against any person or persons for money or tobacco actually had and received for the use of the plaintiff plaintiffs.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate and discipline the militia of the State.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commanding officer of each company shall appoint four days, between the first day of March and the first day of December, in each and every year, for the meeting and exercise of his company, instead of the eight days prescribed by the act to which this is a supplement, and the said companies, being duly notified thereof, shall meet and be exercised on the days so appointed.

II. And be it enacted, That all such parts of the act to which this is a supplement, require each noncommissioned officer and private to arm himself with a good and serviceable firelock, and which impose a fine for the nonperformance thereof, and which authorize a justice of the peace to imprison any delinquent for the nonpayment of any fine incurred under the provisions of this act, or of the act to which this is a supplement, be and the same are hereby repealed.

III. And be it enacted, That no fine to be imposed on any noncommissioned officer or private for a violation of any of the provisions of this act, or the act to which this is a supplement, shall exceed five dollars, or be less than twenty-five cents.

IV. And be it enacted, That the term of twelve months, mentioned in the fourth section of the act to which this is a supplement, within which each dragoon and each artilleryman was to arm and equip himself in the manner therein prescribed, be and the same is hereby extended to the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and nine.

V. And be it enacted, That all such parts of the eleventh section of the act to which