

time of receiving any bond, bill obligatory, or bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money, lottery ticket, bank note, paper bill of credit, certificate granted by or under the authority of this state or of the United States, or any of them, knowing the same to be stolen, shall restore such money, goods or chattels, or thing taken and received, to the owner or owners thereof, or make restitution to the value of the whole, or such part as shall not be restored, and shall undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than three months nor more than ten years, to be dealt with as herein after directed; and such receiver may be prosecuted and punished, although the principal offender shall not have been convicted. 9th. Any person who shall, with a fraudulent intent, employ an artist to engrave or etch any plate, an imitation of the note or notes of any established bank within this state, or of any bank which may hereafter be established within this state, or which is or may be established by law in any of the United States, or any person engaged in engraving or etching such plate or plates, or any person in any manner engaged in striking impressions from such plate or plates, or any person who shall affix to such note or notes, fraudulent or forged, signatures, or any person who shall, with fraudulent intent, be engaged in manufacturing of, or furnishing paper in imitation of, any paper used for striking impressions of notes upon by any established bank within this state, or any bank which may hereafter be established within this state, or which is or may be established by law in any of the United States, or any person who shall be in any manner concerned in the altering, forging or counterfeiting, any note of any bank now existing within this state, or of any bank which may hereafter be established within this state, or any person who may pass within this state forged or counterfeited note or notes, knowing them to be such, purporting to be the genuine notes of a bank regularly constituted within this state by the United States, or within any of them, or any person who may pass as genuine any note, purporting to be a note of a bank which does not exist, shall be deemed a felon, and shall, on being duly convicted thereof, be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than five nor more than ten years, to be treated as herein directed. 10th. Any person who shall falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging, altering or counterfeiting, any deed, will, testament or codicil, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, acquittance or receipt for money or property, or any acquittance or receipt, either for money or property, with intention to defraud any person whomsoever, or shall utter or publish as true, any false, forged, altered or counterfeited deed, will, testament or codicil, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for the payment of money or property, endorsement or assignment of any bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, acquittance or receipt for money or property, shall be deemed a felon, and on being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period of time not less than five nor more than ten years, to be dealt with as herein after mentioned.

VII. *And be it enacted,* That the offences herein after mentioned, affecting the public police, shall be punished in manner following; that is to say, 1st. Whosoever being married, shall, the first husband or wife, as the case may be, being alive, marry any person or persons, shall undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than one year nor more than nine years; provided, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any person whose husband or wife shall be continually remaining beyond the seas seven years together, or shall 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 courtesy, and also all his claim or title to any estate, 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 distributory share of his personal estate, which she would be entitled to if he had died intestate, and she had survived him. 2d. Every person who shall be duly convicted of keeping any E O table, or any other kind of gaming table, billiard-tables excepted, at which the games of Pharo, Equality, or any other game of chance shall be played for money, or of keeping any bank, and inducing or permitting any person to bet against the said bank, or of strolling about the country from place to place, and deriving a support and maintenance chiefly from horseracing or gaming, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period not less than three months nor more than two years, to be dealt with as the law directs. 3d. Every commanding officer, captain or master, of any vessel, who shall be duly convicted of wilfully importing in the same into this state, from any foreign country, and not any part of the United States, any felon, convict, or any slave, knowing him or her to be such, and every person duly convicted of bringing into this state, by land or water, any negro or mulatto from any foreign country, not a part of the United States, with intent to sell and dispose of such negro or mulatto within this state as a slave, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period of time not less than one year nor more than five years, to be treated as herein after directed. 4th. If any person shall be apprehended, having upon him or her any picklock, key, crow, jack, bit or other implement, with an intent feloniously to break and enter into any dwelling-house, warehouse, stable or out-house, or shall have upon him or her any pistol, hanger, cutlass, bludgeon or other offensive weapon, with intent feloniously to assault any person, or shall be found in or upon any dwelling-house, warehouse, stable or out-house, or in any enclosed yard or garden, or area belonging to any house, with an intent to steal any goods or chattels, every such person shall be deemed a rogue and vagabond, and, on being duly convicted thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the said penitentiary for a period of time not less than three months nor more than two years, to be treated as the law prescribes. 5th. Any person who has been convicted and condemned to serve and labour as a criminal, and who may escape and be found in this state, shall be deemed a fugitive felon, and being thereof convicted by a duly authenticated record from the court of the state in which such conviction and condemnation took place, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary of this state for and during the residue of the term for which such person shall have been condemned; but if such person shall be demanded by the state whence he escaped, he shall be immediately delivered agreeably to such demand.

VIII. *And be it enacted,* That the offences herein after mentioned, affecting public justice or public property, shall be punished in manner following; that is to say, 1st. Every person who shall be duly convicted of the crime of perjury or of subornation of perjury, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement

than five nor more than ten years, to be treated as herein after directed. 2d. Every person, on being duly convicted of wilfully or corruptly embezzling, stealing, withdrawing, impairing, razing or altering, any will, testament, codicil, patent, deed, or assignment of a patent, writ, return, record, or parcel of the same, within this state, whereby the estate or right of any person shall or may be defeated, injured, or any ways altered, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a space of time not less than three nor more than seven years, to be treated as the law prescribes. 3d. If any person shall falsely make, forge or counterfeit, or cause to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging or counterfeiting, any commission, patent or pardon, or any warrant, certificate, or other public security, whereby money may be drawn from the treasury of this state, or shall be concerned in printing, writing, signing or passing, any such forged, counterfeited warrant, certificate or public security, knowing it to be such, with intention to defraud any person or persons, every such person shall be deemed a felon, and, on being convicted thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than two nor more than ten years, to be treated as the law prescribes. 4th. If any judge, or other person concerned in the administration of justice, take any illegal fee, gift or undue reward, to influence his behaviour in his office, and if any person shall give any money or thing to any judge, or other person concerned in the administration of justice, with intent to influence his behaviour in his office, every such judge or person shall be deemed guilty of bribery, and on being convicted thereof, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a term of time not less than two nor more than twelve years, to be treated as is prescribed by law, and shall be disqualified from holding any office for ever thereafter. 5th. Every embracer who shall procure any juror to take gain or profit for rendering his verdict, upon conviction, and every juror convicted of taking gain or profit for giving his verdict, shall undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than one year nor more than six years, and shall be disqualified to serve on juries for ever thereafter. 6th. If any person shall wilfully burn, or attempt or conspire to burn, any court-house, or county or public prison, or the penitentiary, poor-house, magazine or lazaretto, or public warehouse, or any other building belonging to this state, or the different counties, cities or towns, or bodies corporate in this state, or the office of the clerk or register of any court in this state, or the state-house of this state, or any public office contained therein, or any public office in this state of any kind whatever, or church or house of worship, college, academy or public school-house, engine-house, market-house, scale-house, watch-house, or public barrack, such person or persons, and his, her or their aiders, abettors and counsellors, and each of them, shall be deemed felons, and, on being duly convicted thereof, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck, or be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period of time not more than fifteen years, to be treated as the law directs. 7th. Every person duly convicted of the crime of wilfully and maliciously burning or destroying, or attempting or conspiring to burn or destroy, any public arsenal or magazine of provisions, or of military or naval stores, belonging to this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of this state, or of wilfully and maliciously burning or destroying, or attempting or conspiring to burn or destroy, any military or naval stores, ship or vessel, belonging to this state, the United States, or any one of them, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck, or be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period not less than three nor more than ten years, to be treated as the law directs.

IX. *And be it enacted,* That if any negro or mulatto slave shall be duly convicted of any crime herein mentioned, which may not, in the discretion of the court, under this act, be punished by hanging by the neck, such negro or mulatto slave, instead of confinement in the penitentiary, may, in the discretion of the court, be sentenced to receive on his or her bare back any number of lashes, not exceeding one hundred, and the court may also sentence such negro or mulatto slave to be banished from this state, by transportation and sale, into some foreign country, for the benefit of the state or county, as the case may be, with as full power and authority as the governor may now exercise under an act entitled, An act declaring the power of the governor in certain criminal cases, such negro or mulatto slave to be valued and paid for in the manner herein after directed, and nothing in this act contained shall be construed to deprive justices of the peace of any power or authority which they may now exercise by law relative to free negroes and mulattoes, or negro and mulatto slaves.

X. *And be it enacted,* That no conviction or attainder shall work corruption of blood or forfeiture of estate; the estate of such persons as shall destroy their own lives shall descend or vest as in case of natural death; if any person be killed by casualty there shall be no forfeiture in consequence thereof; if approver shall never be admitted in any case whatsoever, and a sentence of death shall not be executed in less than twenty days after the judgment.

XI. *And be it enacted,* That all claims to dispensation from punishment, by benefit of clergy, shall be and are hereby for ever abolished; and every person convicted of any felony, heretofore deemed clergyable, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for any time not less than one year nor more than five years, to be treated as herein directed, except in those cases where some other specific penalty is herein prescribed; and every person who shall be convicted of any felony heretofore excluded from the benefit of clergy and not herein specified, shall be sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary for a period of time not less than five nor more than twenty years to be treated as this act directs.

XII. *And be it enacted,* That if any person be indicted of treason or felony and he or she shall stand mute, or will not answer to the indictment, the court in such case, shall notwithstanding proceed to the trial of such person standing mute, as if he or she had pleaded not guilty, and render judgment thereon accordingly.

XIII. *And be it enacted,* That in all capital cases, and in all other criminal cases, the punishment whereof upon conviction is confinement in the penitentiary for five years at the least, or the punishment whereof may be extended to twelve years confinement in the penitentiary, and in all cases of larceny, where the money, goods or chattels alleged to have been stolen, shall be valued in the indictment at the sum of one hundred dollars, or upwards, the person indicted shall be allowed the right of peremptory challenge, but in no case shall the accused be admitted to challenge more than twenty jurors, without assigning cause; and if any person so indicted shall peremptorily challenge above the number of twenty persons of the jury, the court, in such case, shall notwithstanding proceed to the trial of the person so challenging, as if he or she had pleaded not guilty, and put himself or herself upon the country, and render judgment thereon accordingly. (To be continued.)

#### Notice.

DOCTOR SHAAFF is constrained to make a serious call on all those long indebted to him for payment of their accounts, which are placed in the hands of Mr. Robert Welch, of Ben, for collection, with authority, in cases where it may be necessary, to enforce payment.  
Annapolis, February 20, 1810.

#### Notice.

THE subscriber hereby gives notice, that he intends to apply to Anne-Arundel county court, at its next session in April, for the benefit of the law for the relief of solvent debtors, passed at November 1805, and the supplements thereto.  
VACHEL ROBINSON.  
Feb. 17, 1810.