

offence less than felony, with security, if necessary; and the said sheriffs and their deputies shall, on serving any criminal writ, take a bail bond of the criminal, and his or her security, if judged necessary, in a sum not exceeding 100l. to be paid to the state of Maryland, Conditioned, that the said criminal shall appear in court on the day the said writ is returnable, attend the court from day to day, and not depart therefrom without leave of the said court; and in case the said criminal shall not be considered by the sheriff or his deputy sufficient for the sum aforesaid, and cannot find security to be approved of, then the said sheriff or his deputies shall take the said criminal before a magistrate, to be dealt with agreeable to the law now in force; and the sheriff shall return the said bail bonds to the court of his respective county, on the first day of the court to which the writ is returnable.—*Or.* 1780, c. 10, §. 2.

3. Where there is a failure of the performance of the condition of the bail bonds aforesaid, a writ shall issue for the recovery of the penalty, and a declaration shall be filed and a copy delivered to the sheriff, to be served on the delinquent, with the writ, who shall be obliged to go to trial the same court, provided the writ be served 8 days previous to the return, and without any imparlance; and in case the defendant refuse to plead, the court may give judgment, except in extraordinary cases, at their discretion.—*ibid.* §. 3.

See *Sheriffs*, 36.

B A L L A S T.

BALLAST shall not be unladen, or cast out of any ship or other vessel, any where above Cedar-point in Chesapeake Bay, nor in any river, &c. below high water mark, on forfeiture of 50l. currency.—1735, c. 16. §. 2.

See *Columbia*, 10.—*Harbours*.—*Special bail*, 11.

BALTIMORE-EQUITABLE SOCIETY FOR INSURING HOUSES FROM LOSS BY FIRE.

TH E Baltimore Equitable Society for insuring houses from loss by fire, are desirous of adopting the following deed of settlement, and articles of association; that is to say, To all to whom these presents shall come, we whose names are hereunto subscribed, and seals affixed,
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