

that the sheriff, &c. be amerced, and it shall be lawful for the chancellor, upon motion, to amerce such sheriff, &c. nisi the court next following such motion for amerciamment, or the return of the process, or order any sum of money or tobacco (having regard to the value of the matter, thing or sum, in question or demand) and fine for contempt and costs, to compel such sheriff, &c. to comply with and fulfil the tenor of the process or order, and the return thereof as the chancellor may think proper; and when the said amerciamment (which the chancellor may in his discretion, continue, enlarge or increase from court to court,) shall be no longer continued, enlarged or increased, and thereby become final the chancellor may, upon motion, order the said sheriff, &c. to pay the said amerciamment and costs to the person at whose instance the said amerciamment is made, and fine for contempt, and upon non compliance with the said order for payment, may issue process of *feri facias* against the lands, tenements and hereditaments, goods and chattels of the said sheriff, &c. which shall thereupon be taken and sold to satisfy the same, or the chancellor may issue a *capias ad satisfaciendum*, against such sheriff, &c. for the said amerciamment and fine, and there shall be the same proceedings thereon as at common law, or the chancellor may, upon motion, order the said sheriff, &c. so amerced, and in court upon process of contempt, or otherwise, to stand committed and be kept in close custody until the said amerciamment and costs, and fine for contempt, be satisfied; and in case the amerciamment aforesaid shall not be satisfied, within 6 months from the time it may be ordered to be paid, then, and immediately thereafter, such plaintiff or other person at whose instance the said amerciamment is laid, or any person representing such person, may sue the securities of such sheriff, &c. their heirs, &c. respectively, upon the office bond given by such sheriff, &c. and such securities and their heirs, &c. respectively, having assets, shall be liable upon such suits to pay and satisfy such amerciamment, or any part thereof which may remain unsatisfied by such sheriff, &c. Provided that if the said sheriff, &c. so amerced, shall before the same is made final, bring into and have in court the body of the person arrested or taken according to the return of the said first mentioned process or order, the said sheriff, &c. shall be discharged from the said amerciamment upon payment of the costs incurred, and the fine for contempt.—*ibid.* § 24.

26. If any sheriff, &c. to whose hands any writ, process or order, of the chancery court shall come or be delivered, shall refuse, neglect or delay, to make return thereof, according to the tenor and day of return of such writ, process or order, the same not being countermanded, such sheriff, &c. shall be in contempt, and process of contempt shall, upon motion, be awarded and issued against him, and before he shall be discharged therefrom, he shall pay to the register as herein before provided, as a fine for the said contempt, a sum not exceeding 10l. current money to be imposed by the court, and the costs incurred by means thereof.—*ibid.*
§ 25.