

17. If any suit shall be brought against any person for any thing done in pursuance of the act for valuation of real and personal property within this state, the suit shall be commenced within 6 months after the fact commenced, and the defendant in any suit shall plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, and that the same was done in pursuance and by authority of this act; and if it shall appear so to be done, or if any suit shall be brought after the time limited, then the jury shall find for the defendant, and if the plaintiff shall become nonsuit, or suffer a discontinuance, or if a verdict shall pass, or, upon demurrer, judgment shall be given, against him, the defendant shall recover treble costs, and have such remedy for the same as any defendant hath for costs of suit in other cases at law.---1797, c. 89, § 29.

See *Administration bonds*, 3, 6. *Blasphemy*, 4. *Cursing, &c.* 9. *Boundaries of land*, 14. *Chancery*, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 33. *Evidence*, 14. *Execution*, 5. *Fines and forfeitures*, 6. *Gauge &c. of barrels*, 11. *Justices of the peace*, 24. *Officers fees*, 19. *Treason*, 4.

L O A N S.

1. ALL debts or promises hereafter contracted or made for gold or silver actually and *bona fide* lent, and so expressed in any bond, note, or other writing, shall be paid in gold or silver, according to the contract and the meaning of the parties.---June 1780, c. 28, § 1.

2. But the creditor, at the time of the loan, or within 3 months thereafter, shall on the bond, note or other writing, endorse and sign, in the presence of one or more of the witnesses to the contract, that the bond, &c. was taken for specie lent.—*ibid.* § 2.

3. But the creditor, in case of difference about the consideration, shall make oath (or affirmation) that the bond, &c. was taken for specie actually and *bona fide* lent, and for no other consideration, and in default of such endorsement, or such oath or affirmation, before suit brought against the debtor, his executor or administrator, such bond, &c. shall be discharged in bills of credit emitted by the act for sinking the quota required by congress of this state of the bills of credit emitted by congress, and the want of such endorsement, &c. may be given in evidence on the general issue.—*ibid.* § 3. See *Bank of Baltimore*, 9. *Mortgages*, 1. *Public creditors*, 11, 12. *Usury*, 1.

L O T T E R I E S.

1. IT shall not be lawful for any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, within this state, without the permission of the legislature thereof,