

Sheriffs directed to whom to pay the Money.

Justices to lay their Account before the Assembly.

and completed, and paid and discharged as other public Dues and Payments are. *And be it Enacted*, That when the Sum so as aforesaid contracted for, shall be assessed, levied, and collected, the several and respective Sheriffs within this Province, shall pay the same, or such Part thereof as they shall respectively receive, to the Justices of *Anne-Arundel* County aforesaid, or their Order, to be applied to the Purpose aforesaid.

*And be it further Enacted*, That the Justices of *Anne-Arundel* County aforesaid, shall be, and they are hereby required to lay before the next General Assembly which shall happen after the completing and finishing the Repairs aforesaid, a fair, full, clear and distinct Account of their Agreement or Contract with such Workman or Workmen, and the Sum by them to be paid for such Repairs and Amendments, in Order that an Allowance be made in the Journal, as is before directed.

An Act to prevent Evils arising from the Entering up Judgments upon Bonds, commonly called Judgment-Bonds, to direct the Manner of issuing Executions on Loan-Office Bonds, and to regulate certain Fees therein mentioned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS it has been the Practice to take Bonds with Power contained in the Condition of such Bonds, upon Non-Payment, to any Attorneys practicing in any Court of Record within the Dominion of *Great-Britain*, to confess Judgment, and thereupon, without any previous Process, Judgments have not only been confessed in the Provincial and County Courts of this Province, but also out of Courts, before a single Magistrate, and Executions have issued thereon, to the great Damage of many People, who, in case Capias had issued, and they had Time to plead to such Bonds, many good Reasons might have been pleaded against the same: For Prevention of which Evils for the future, it is humbly prayed that it may be Enacted;

Judgments not to be confessed by Attorneys, on Judgment Bonds, taken after the end of the Session, out of Court.

*And be it Enacted*, by the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Lordship's Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, and the Authority of the same, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, it shall not be lawful for any Attorney practicing now, or who shall hereafter practice the Law in any Court of Record within this Province, or any other Person whatever, to confess a Judgment either in Court, or before one or more Justices of such Court or Courts, out of Court, for any Sum or Sums of Money, or Tobacco, or other Matter, by Virtue of any Power or Powers of Attorney, either separate or contained in any such Bonds, commonly called Judgment-Bonds, which shall be taken or executed after the End of this Session of Assembly; nor shall it be lawful for the Justices of any Court of Record within this Province, to give Judgment upon any such Bonds by virtue of any such Power or Powers.

Preamble regarding the Loan Office.

And whereas by an Act, entitled, *An Act for emitting and making current Ninety Thousand Pounds, Current Money of Maryland, in Bills of Credit*, it is amongst other Things therein Enacted, That the said Commissioners or Trustees, or any two of them, may take Bonds or other Obligations, of able and sufficient Persons, for any of the said Bills of Credit, at the Interest of Four Pounds *per Cent. per Annum*, and so in Proportion for a greater or lesser Sum, payable at such Time as shall be agreed on; which Bonds or Obligations shall be payable to the Commissioners or Trustees, or their Successors, and shall be of the same Force and Effect to all Intents and Purposes, as Statutes Merchant or of the Staple, and shall and may be proceeded on accordingly; whereby it is evident there need no Judgments be entered up, or confessed upon such Bonds, which makes the Expences thereof burthensome and grievous to the Parties: For Prevention of such Evil for the future,

*Be it Enacted*, by the Authority, Advice, and Consent aforesaid, That from and after the End of this Session of Assembly, when any Person or Persons who have passed, or shall during the Continuance of the Act aforesaid, pass any Bond or Bonds for any