

plead to issue the First Court, and try the same without any Impariment, unless it appear, by Affidavit, that a material Witness or Witnesses, is or are absent beyond Sea, or is or are, sick or unable to attend within the Province; in which Cases, and no other, an Impariment may be granted, at the Discretion of the said Court.

*Goods, &c. taken by Fieri Facias, &c.* XIV. And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any Goods, or Chattels, Lands, or Tenements, shall, at the Instance of the said Commissioners, be taken in Execution, by Virtue of any *Fieri Facias*, or Attachment, by Way of Execution, or otherwise, the Sheriff, or Coroner, according as the said Writ shall be directed, shall, after giving Ten Days Notice, by Advertisements set up in the most public Places in the County, of the Sale of Goods and Chattels, of the Time and Place of such Sale, and Thirty Days Notice, as aforesaid, and Three Weeks Publication thereof in in the *Maryland Gazette*, of the Sale of Lands and Tenements, set up and expose to Sale, in the most public Manner, such Goods, or Chattels, Lands, or Tenements, to the highest Bidder, for Gold or Silver, at the Rates specified in this Act, or Bills of Credit; any Law, Usage, or Custom, to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstanding. And so much of the Money, arising of Produce to be paid to the Commission, as shall be sufficient for that Purpose, shall be, and the same is hereby directed and required, to be, by the said Sheriff, or Coroner, forthwith paid and satisfied to the said Commissioners, towards the Discharge and Payment of the Principal Money and Interest which shall be due on the said Bond, or Bonds, and Costs. And in case there shall be any Residue, over and above sufficient for the Purposes aforesaid, such Residue shall be, and is hereby directed to be, by the said Sheriff, or Coroner, returned to the said Defendant, or Debtor; and for all Monies that shall come to the Hands of any Sheriff, or wherewith he shall be chargeable or any Process issued by virtue of this Act, the Office Bond of such Sheriff, and his Sureties therein, is hereby declared to be liable.

The Surety or Sureties, in any Bond or Bonds, for Loans to be made by virtue of this Act, his, her or their Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees or Alienees, shall be called upon for the Payment of the Principal Money and Interest due thereon, and shall actually pay the same, the Commissioners entitled to the same, by Assigning the same Bond, or Bonds, to the Person or Persons, paying the same, by Writing under their Hands and Seals; by virtue of which Payment and Assignment, the Person or Persons, so paying or discharging the same, shall be entitled to have in his, her or their own Name or Names, the like Process and Execution, against the Body, Goods, Chattels, Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments of the principal Debtor, his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, Devisees or Alienees, as the Commissioners themselves might have had in case of Non-payment. And that the Borrowers in the said Office, and their Sureties, may be the better known to all Persons who may incline to make Purchases of Land within this Province, or have other Dealings therein,

The Name or Names of any Debtor, to be made known to the Commissioners aforesaid, shall at all Times, when they are attending the said Office, during the Continuance of this Act, make known the Names of any Debtor or Debtors, and their Sureties, and the Sum or Sums, they may be indebted, to any Person applying for the same, without Fee or Reward.

Debts to the Loan Office, how to be discharged. XVII. And be it further Enacted, That any Debtor to the said Office, on Loan, as aforesaid, for the Bills of Credit so to be lent out, may discharge his Debt and Interest due to the said Office, either in the said Bills of Credit,