

C H A P.  
X.Sheriff may  
execute any  
inhabitant,  
&c. who is a-  
bout to ab-  
scond.

XXI. And be it enacted, That any sheriff within this state may, and he is hereby directed and required, at any time between the last day of February and the tenth day of August, yearly (on notice to him given, that any inhabitant of his county indebted for officers fees, and for which an account had been before the said last day of February, delivered to or left at the last place of abode of such inhabitant, is about to abscond or remove his effects from the place of his residence, whereby the said sheriff may be prevented from executing the same) to apply himself to any magistrate of his county, and the said magistrate, on such sheriff's application and oath, made by the sheriff or some other credible person, "That the said sheriff, or such person, is informed, and verily believes, that such debtor is about to abscond or remove his effects out of the said county, and thereby prevent the sheriff from executing such debtor, or his effects, for officers fees, so as aforesaid due, and that an account had been delivered or left as by this law is directed;" (which oath shall be reduced to writing, signed, and left with the said magistrate, and by him returned to the next county court) shall give the said sheriff a warrant from under his hand and seal, and thereby direct and empower the said sheriff to execute the said debtor, or his effects, for the money so as aforesaid due, and which the said sheriff shall do without any execution fee.

Proviso.

XXII. Provided always, and be it enacted, If any debtor absconding, or about to abscond, or remove his effects, will give such sheriff good and sufficient security for the payment of all such officers fees, that in such case the sheriff shall and he is hereby obliged to take the same.

Costs to be  
paid in mo-  
ney.

XXIII. And be it enacted, That all costs recovered by judgment or decree, shall hereafter be payable and paid in money, and not otherwise.

XXIV. And, Whereas it is the intention of this general assembly, that all officers, lawyers, and attornies fees be regulated in money subject to be discharged at the rates by this act settled. And whereas it is the intention of the legislature to give an alternative to the debtor to pay tobacco in inspection notes, at the rate of eighteen shillings and ninepence per hundred; and as the price of tobacco can scarcely ever happen to be lower than the rate settled by this act, and may be so nearly equal as to make it indifferent both to the receiver and payer, it is therefore thought reasonable, that all persons should have it in their option, by a limited time, to pay either tobacco or money,

Officers fees  
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&c.

XXV. Be it therefore enacted, That it shall be lawful for every person chargeable with officers fees, to pay the same on or before the tenth day of June in every year, either in tobacco or in money, at the rates herein mentioned, after which time every person shall be obliged to pay the same in money as aforesaid.

Allowance to  
clerks of the  
respective  
counties for  
warrants, &c.

XXVI. And be it enacted, That the several county justices in their respective counties, at the time of assessing the county levy, shall and are hereby empowered and directed to allow to the clerk of their respective court, in their county levies, in lieu of and for full satisfaction of warrants to the overseers of the highways, constables warrants, assisting in laying and apportioning the county levy, and all other services to be