

An ACT relating to costs in criminal cases.

WHEREAS it is unjust and oppressive, that any person ^{Preamble.} who may be prosecuted for any crime of which he is not guilty should be burthened with the costs and charges accruing on the prosecution :

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no ^{Persons acquitted, &c. not to pay fees, &c.} person who may be prosecuted for any misdemeanor or offence, and discharged by the court on submission, or fined not exceeding one shilling current money, or prosecuted for any crime and acquitted on trial by a jury, shall be burthened with the payment of any costs or fees accruing on such prosecution, but all such costs and fees, with the legal costs of the party accused, shall, in cases tried in the county courts, be charged to the county where such trial is had, and taxed and collected as part of the county charge, and such costs and fees on trial in the general court shall be charged to the state, and paid as other public charges; and no person taken upon any warrant or capias on presentment, where no bill of indictment is found in consequence thereof, shall be liable to pay or give security for any costs on account of such warrant, presentment, or capias, but the same shall be charged to and paid by the county or the public as aforesaid.

III. This act to continue in force for three years, and until the end ^{Continuance.} of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter.

An ACT to prevent the exportation of bread and flour not merchantable, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS the regulations hitherto made for the inspection ^{Preamble.} of flour require alteration, and there not being any regulations for the prevention of frauds in the export of bread: Therefore,

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the ^{Commissioners to appoint an inspector, &c.} commissioners of Baltimore-town, or the major part of them, shall meet between the first and twentieth day of July next, and between the first and twentieth of July yearly and every year thereafter, during the continuance of this act, and then nominate and appoint a person of good repute, and skilful in the goodness and quality of flour, to be inspector of flour within the said town for the year ensuing.

III. And be it enacted, That every commissioner of the said town, ^{Their oath.} who shall vote for the said officer, shall take the following oath before he shall proceed to the nomination and appointment of the officer aforesaid: "I, A. B. do swear, that I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially, nominate and appoint such person to be inspector of flour within the said town of Baltimore, as I think in my judgment and conscience is fit and capable of executing the said office."