

such case it shall and may be lawful for the justices aforesaid, in the name of the state, and for the use of the state, or of such person or persons as may be interested in such proceeding, on motion of the attorney-general, or either of his deputies, to order and direct judgment to be entered against such sheriff or coroner for the sum in which the said sheriff or coroner shall be amerced, or for the amount of any recognizance, or for the fine, penalty or forfeiture, and costs, for which judgment shall have been entered against the person or persons taken on execution, which respective judgments shall have the force and effect, to all intents and purposes, of any judgment rendered on the verdict of a jury.

C H A P. LX.

II. And be it enacted, That in laying such amerciaments, the courts imposing them shall govern themselves by such principles as, under all circumstances, shall appear to them to be reasonable, taking care, in all instances, to keep the public indemnified from all costs and charges.

How courts are to be governed.

C H A P. LXI.

An ACT to explain an act, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-two.

Passed December 28.

WHEREAS doubts have been entertained whether, under the act of assembly passed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-two, entitled, An act for the valuation of real and personal property within this state, vessels are assessable or not; in order to clear up such doubts, and to render the practice in every county of this state certain and uniform,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That no licensed vessel whatever, above twenty tuns burthen, shall be considered as assessable property under the said act.

Licensed vessels not assessable.

III. And be it enacted, That wherever any such vessel or vessels has or have been assessed under the said act, and the owner or owners thereof charged therewith, that the said owner or owners of such vessel or vessels shall be released and discharged from the said assessment by the commissioners of the tax of the county in which such valuation has been made.

If assessed, owner to be released.

C H A P. LXII.

A Further supplement to the act respecting the settlers on the reserved lands westward of Fort Cumberland.

Passed December 28.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that appointing commissioners with power and authority to settle and adjust the several and respective boundaries of the settlers lots to the westward of Fort Cumberland, will tend to prevent litigation amongst them; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That George Dent, Benjamin Tomlinson and John Hodge Bayard, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners for the purpose of carrying this act into effect.

Commissioners appointed, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That before the said commissioners shall proceed in the execution of the powers vested in them by this act, they shall take the following oath, or affirmation, before some justice of the peace, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, (or affirm,) that I will settle and adjust the location of any lot or lots that I may be called on to settle and adjust, by virtue of the authority by this act vested in me, agreeably to the true original location thereof, according to the evidence and circumstances which shall be offered, or appear to me, without favour, affection or partiality, according to the best of my experience and judgment, and will make a true return thereof. So help me God."

Who shall take an oath, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said commissioners, or any two of them, on the application of the owner or owners of any of the said lots, to settle and establish the boundaries of his, her or their lot or lots, shall cause advertisements to be

And cause notice to be set up, &c.