

1799.

L A W S of M A R Y L A N D :

C H A P. LXXV.

Passed 3d of
Jan. 1800.

An ACT for the more effectual preventing of forgery, and to make it felony to steal bonds, notes or other securities, for the payment of money.

Penalty for counterfeiting deeds, &c.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That if any persons shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or shall utter, publish or pass, knowing to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, any deed, will, testament, bond, writing obligatory, bill of exchange, promissory note for payment of money, or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, endorsement or assignment of any bond or writing obligatory, bill of exchange, or promissory note for payment of money, or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, or any acquittance or receipt either for money or goods, or other valuable articles, with intention to defraud any person, and shall thereof be convicted in any court of law within this state, he or they shall be adjudged a felon, and suffer such punishment as shall be adjudged by said court, so as the same do not extend to death, or more than seven years servitude.

And acceptances, &c.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person shall falsely make, alter, forge or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, or willingly act or assist in the falsely making, altering, forging or counterfeiting, or shall utter, publish or pass, knowing to be falsely made, altered, forged or counterfeited, any acceptance of any bill of exchange, or draught for the payment of money or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, or the number or principal sum of any accountable receipt for any note, bill, or other security for payment of money, or any warrant or order for the payment of money or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, with intention to defraud any person, and being thereof convicted in any court of law within this state, he or they shall be adjudged a felon, and suffer such punishment as shall be adjudged by said court, so as the same do not extend to death, or more than seven years servitude.

Stealing, &c. deemed felony, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if any person or persons shall steal, or take by robbery, any bonds, specialties, bill of exchange, notes, draughts or checks drawn for the payment of money on any bank, or other securities or evidences for the payment of money, or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, being the property of any other person or corporation, or shall fraudulently receive any such bonds, specialties, bills of exchange, notes, draughts or checks drawn for the payment of money on any bank, or other securities or evidences for the payment of money, or delivery of goods, or other valuable articles, knowing the same to be stolen or taken by robbery, every such offence shall be deemed felony, and the party or parties being thereof convicted in any court of law within this state, shall be adjudged a felon or felons, and suffer such punishment as shall be adjudged by said court, so as the same do not extend to death, or more than seven years servitude.

C H A P. LXXVI.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections.

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Preamble.

WHEREAS in the division of the state into districts for the purpose of choosing electors of the president and vice-president, or of representatives in the congress of the United States, and in the division of the different counties into the election districts under the act, entitled, An act to regulate elections, it may so happen that part of an election district may lie in one division of the state, and part in another: And whereas no provision is made by law for holding such elections;

Judges to keep two books, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in the cases above mentioned it shall be the duty of the judge or judges of the election district to keep two separate and distinct books of polls, for the purpose of entering and taking the votes in said district, designating upon the said books the division for which the votes may be respectively given, and in such case the judge or judges, at his or their meeting aforesaid, shall make return as in the said law directed, and specify the truth of the facts of such election, and the votes given in such cases shall be applied to the respective divisions in which such voters may reside.

C H A P. LXXVII.

An ACT to change the name of Clement Holliday Waring to the name of Clement Holliday.

Passed 3d of
Jan. 1800.

Preamble.

WHEREAS Clement Holliday, and Clement Holliday Waring, of Cæcil county, have petitioned this general assembly that the name of the said Clement Holliday Waring may be changed to the name of Clement Holliday, and the prayer of the petition being reasonable; therefore,