

**CHAP. 161.** proved in the same manner as allegations in a bill which are denied or not admitted, and in both the said cases the court shall make such final decree as to right shall appertain.

In deciding on exceptions court may award costs, &c

8. *And be it enacted,* That in deciding on exceptions to answers in the chancery court, or in the county courts as courts of equity, the said courts respectively may award the costs of the exceptions, and the order thereon, to the party prevailing, including a fee to the solicitor or attorney equal in amount to the solicitor's or attorney's fee in the suit.

**CHAP. CLXII.**

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An Act to punish certain Breaches of Trust.

President or director of any chartered bank, embezzling, &c to be deemed guilty of felony

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any president or director of any bank chartered by the laws of this state, shall fraudulently embezzle, secrete, or make way with, any money, goods, bill, bond, note, check, evidence of debt, or other valuable security or effects, belonging to such bank, every such offender, his adviser, procurer, aider or abettor, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and on conviction thereof shall be sentenced to imprisonment and labour in the penitentiary, for not less than five years nor more than fifteen years.

Punishment of any cashier, &c. for embezzling, &c

2. *And be it enacted,* That if any cashier, servant, agent or clerk, or any person employed for the purpose or in the capacity of cashier, servant, agent or clerk, to any person or persons whomsoever, or to any body corporate or politic, shall by virtue of such employment, receive or take into his possession any money, goods, bill, note, bond, check, evidence of debt, or other valuable security or effects, for and in the name or on account of his employer or employers, and shall fraudulently embezzle, secrete, or make way with the same, or any part thereof, every such offender shall be deemed guilty of having feloniously stolen the same from his employer or employers, for whose use, or in whose name or names, or on whose account, the same was or were delivered to or taken into the possession of such cashier, servant, clerk, or other person employed, although such money, goods, bill, bond, note, check, evidence of debt, or other valuable security or effects, was or were no otherwise received into the possession of such employer, than by the actual possession of his, or their cashier, servant or clerk, or other person so employed, and every such offender, his adviser, aider, procurer or abettor, shall, on conviction thereof, be sentenced to imprisonment and labour in the penitentiary, for not less than five nor more than fifteen years, in the discretion of the court.

Act repealed

3. *And be it enacted.* That the act, entitled, An act for the punishment of offences committed against banks by the officers thereof, passed at December session eighteen hundred and nineteen, chapter one hundred and forty-five, be and the same is hereby repealed.

**CHAP. CLXIII.**

Passed Feb 13 1821

An Act to enable Hezekiah Niles, of the City of Baltimore, to dispose of certain Books in the manner therein mentioned.

Authorized to dispose of 500 copies of Weekly Register, &c

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Hezekiah Niles, of the city of Baltimore, be and he is hereby