arresting and imprisoning, or attempt to arrest and imprison any Dec Ses 1824 free person or persons, or any person or persons entitled to his, her or their freedom at or after a certain age, period or contingency, with intent forcibly to carry or to cause to be forcibly carried out of this state, the said person or persons so free or entitled to his, her or their freedom as aforesaid; the person or persons so committing said murder knowing such person or persons so arrested and imprisoned or attempted to be arrested and imprisoned, to be free or entitled to his, her or their freedom as aforesaid, shall be deemed murder of the first degree; and any person duly convicted of said murder, his, her or their aiders, abettors, and counsellors, shall suffer death by hanging by the neck.

CHAPTER 145.

An act relating to Coroners' Bonds.

Passed Feb. SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, 24, 1825. That every coroner, before he acts as such, shall, within sixty days Bond prescriafter his appointment, or renewal of his commission, and in each and every year thereafter, give bond, or enter into a recognizance with two sufficient sureties to the state of Maryland in the penalty of three thousand dollars, with a condition, that he will well and truly execute the office of coroner in all things thereunto belonging; and shall also well and faithfully execute and return all writs or other process to him directed; and shall also pay and deliver to the person or persons entitled to receive the same, all sums of money, all goods and chattels by him levied, seized or taken, agreeably to the directions of the writ or other process, under which the same shall have been levied, seized or taken; and also shall keep and detain in safe custody, all and every person and persons committed to his custody, or by him taken in execution, or who shall be committed for the want of bail, without suffering them to escape or depart from his custody; and shall also satisfy and pay all judgments which shall be rendered against him as coroner, and shall also well and truly execute and perform the several duties required of or imposed upon him by the laws of this state; which bond or recognizance, shall be entered into before and approved by the judges of the orphans court or some one of them; and shall immediately after the execution thereof, be recorded in the county court office, of the county in which the party so executing shall act as coroner.

2. And be it enacted, That the first section of the act of seven- Repeal. teen hundred and ninety seven, chapter nine ty five, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 146.

An act to alter and repeal such parts of the constitution and form of Passed Feb government, as relate to the division of Somerset county, into election dis- 23, 1825. tricts.

Whereas, it has been represented to this General Assembly, that Preamble. great inconveniences have been experienced by reason of the existing division of Somerset county, into election districts, for remedy whereof. -

Former law repealed

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government, as re-