

ed for officers fees, to whom an account had been delivered, is about to abscond or remove his effects) apply to a magistrate of his county, who on such application and oath made by the sheriff or some other credible person, that the said sheriff or such person is informed, and believes, that such debtor is about to abscond or remove his effects out of the said county, and thereby prevent the sheriff from executing such debtor, or his effects, for officers fees, so due and account delivered as by law directed, (which oath shall be reduced to writing, signed and left with the said magistrate, and by him returned to the next county court) shall give the said sheriff a warrant from under his hand and seal and thereby direct and empower the said sheriff to execute the said debtor, or his effects, for the fees due, in money, at the rate hereafter specified, which the said sheriff shall do without any execution fee.—*ibid.* § 13.

15. But if any debtor, absconding, &c. will give such sheriff good and sufficient security for the payment of all such officers fees, he is hereby obliged to take the same.—*ibid.* § 14.

16. If any person chargeable with officers fees, shall neglect or refuse to pay the same within the time aforesaid, the sheriff shall immediately after the 10th day of August yearly, distrain the goods and chattels of such person, and sell and dispose thereof, at the expiration of 5 days after distress made, at public auction, without fee or reward; and the overplus if any shall be returned to the debtor.—*ibid.* § 17.

17. If any person indebted for such fees shall refuse to pay the same within the time aforesaid, or shall, on demand, refuse to shew to the sheriff goods or chattels to be distrained to the value of such fees, the sheriff may take such person in execution for the money so due, and shall on or before the 20th day of October yearly, pay to each creditor all the money he shall or might have received in satisfaction of their debts.—*ibid.* § 18.

18. And if any sheriff shall not make payment according to the directions of this act, he shall forfeit and pay to the party grieved, to sue the sheriff only, double the money, to be recovered with costs, by action of debt, or on the case founded on this act, but if the party shall sue on the sheriff's bond, he shall recover only his debt, interest and cost.—*ibid.*

19. No prosecution or suit shall be commenced for any penalty or forfeiture imposed by this act unless within one year from the time of the offence committed.—*ibid.* § 19.

20. For all officers fees to become due in virtue of this act, where ready money is paid, the officer entitled to receive the same shall have and receive money for the same at the rate of 12l. 10s. currency per hundred, until the general assembly shall take further order therein.—*ibid.* § 20. (See below, Art. 22.)

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