

Execution of  
process.

**16.** Every ministerial officer of any court duly authorized to execute any lawful process of such court, whether of a civil or criminal nature, and every person lawfully assisting him, is justified in executing the same; and every gaoler who is required under such process to receive and detain any person is justified in receiving and detaining him. Bill of 1880, sec. 27. 5

Execution of  
warrants.

**17.** Every one duly authorized to execute a lawful warrant issued by any court or justice of the peace or other person having jurisdiction to issue such warrant, and every person lawfully assisting him, is justified in executing such warrant; and every gaoler who is required under such warrant to receive and detain any person is justified in receiving and retaining him. Bill of 1880, sec. 23 10

Execution of  
erroneous  
sentence or  
process.

**18.** If a sentence is passed or process issued by a court having jurisdiction under any circumstances to pass such a sentence or issue such process, or if a warrant is issued by a court or person having jurisdiction under any circumstances to issue such a warrant, the sentence passed or process or warrant issued shall be sufficient to justify the officer or person authorized to execute such warrant, and every gaoler and person lawfully assisting in executing or carrying out such sentence, process or warrant, although the court passing the sentence or issuing the process had not in the particular case authority to pass the sentence or to issue the process, or although the court, justice or other person in the particular case had no jurisdiction to issue, or exceeded its or his jurisdiction in issuing, the warrant, or was, at the time when such sentence was passed or process or warrant issued, out of the district in or for which such court, justice or person, was entitled to act. Bill of 1880, sec. 29. 15 20 25 30

Sentence or  
process  
without juris-  
diction.

**19.** Every officer, gaoler or person executing any sentence process or warrant, and every person lawfully assisting such officer, gaoler or person, shall be protected from criminal responsibility if he acts in good faith under the belief that the sentence or process was that of a court having jurisdiction or that the warrant was that of a court justice of the peace or other person having authority to issue warrants, and if it be proved that the person passing the sentence or issuing the process acted as such a court under colour of having some appointment or commission lawfully authorizing him to act as such a court, or that the person issuing the warrant acted as a justice of the peace or other person having such authority, although in fact such appointment or commission did not exist or had expired, or although in fact the court or the person passing the sentence or issuing the process was not the court or the person authorized by the commission to act, or the person issuing the warrant was not duly authorized so to act. Bill of 1880, sec. 30. 35 40 45

Arresting the  
wrong person.

**20.** Every one duly authorized to execute a warrant to arrest who thereupon arrests a person, believing in good faith and on reasonable and probable grounds that he is the person named in the warrant, shall be protected from 50