

claimed, do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars; and that in all cases heard, adjudged and determined before any single justice of the peace, when the debt or damages adjudged and determined to be due exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the said justices are hereby authorized and empowered to charge double the fees now allowed by law to single justices of the peace in like cases under fifty dollars, and that each party shall have and exercise the same right of appeal to the county court, and in the same manner as is now allowed from the judgments of single justices of the peace.

where debt does not exceed \$100.

Double fees if over \$50.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That a single justice of the peace shall have jurisdiction in all cases of assault and battery, when the damages laid or claimed do not exceed the sum of twenty dollars; and that in all cases when a warrant is demanded of a justice of the peace in civil cases of assault and battery, he shall require the party demanding the warrant to state the amount of damages claimed, and insert the amount in his warrant before issuing the same.

In cases of assault and battery.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all constables' bonds hereafter to be taken in said county, shall be taken in the penal sum of two thousand dollars, and all constables' bonds taken in pursuance of the act passed December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter two hundred and one, entitled, an act to establish magistrates' courts in the several counties in this state, and to prescribe their jurisdiction, are hereby made good and valid.

Constables' bonds to be taken for \$2,000.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it is hereby made the duty of the respective chief justices of the magistrates' courts in and for Allegany county, to deliver to the clerk of said county, the docket or dockets kept by them within thirty days after this act shall go into operation.

Docket to be delivered to clerk of county.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of Allegany county, to publish in the newspapers of said county, this act, for three successive weeks before the first day of May next.

Publication ordered.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all cases which may be depending in the magistrates' courts in said county, on the first day of May, eighteen hundred and forty, which would be within the jurisdiction of single magistrates under this act, shall be transferred to some justice of the peace in the district in which said case may be depending, to be by him heard and determined, and all cases depending as aforesaid, which would not be within the jurisdiction of single justices of the peace, shall be transferred to the county court of said county, then to be heard and determined.

Cases depending to be transferred.