

## CHAPTER 177.

AN ACT relating to Constables Bonds.

A supplement, 1821, ch. 175.

WHEREAS the present general assembly of Maryland hath enlarged the jurisdiction of justices of the peace : and whereas the penalty of the bond executed by the constables is not high enough for the increased duties transferred on them ; therefore,

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in lieu of the bond prescribed by the act of eighteen hundred and one,\* each and every constable, before he acts as such, shall give bond to the state of Maryland, with good and sufficient security, in the penalty of eight hundred dollars, to be approved of by the levy court of the county, conditioned, that the said constable shall well and faithfully execute the same office in all things appertaining thereto, and shall also well and truly account for all moneys placed in his hands for collection, and shall also well and truly pay all sums of money received by him ; and it shall be the duty of the levy court to have the same entered on record by their clerks, and a copy thereof, under the seal of the court, shall be good evidence to prove the execution of such bond in any court of this state.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That an attested copy of the said bond shall be good evidence in law to maintain an action of debt for the breach of any condition of the said bond as if the same was actually produced and proved in the said court.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That whenever any evidences of debts are put into the hands of any constable for collection, it shall be his duty to execute a receipt for the same, if demanded, and upon his neglect or refusal to do so he shall forfeit the sum of five dollars, to be recovered before any single magistrate by the party grieved, for each and every offence.

## CHAPTER 179.

AN ACT relating to the Act, entitled, an Act for the relief of sundry Insolvent Debtors, passed November session, eighteen hundred and five,\* and to the several supplements thereto.

See notes to the original act, ante page 530.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for the county courts of the respective counties, or the several judges thereof during the recess of the said court, to extend to all such persons as may apply to such court for the same, all the benefits and privileges intended to be given to the persons included in the said act, on their complying with the provisions of the said original act and of the several supplements thereto.