

four years from the date of said supersedeas, and the said defendant or defendants, being security or securities as aforesaid, shall be and they are hereby declared to be entitled to plead limitations to the plaintiff's claim, should the said plaintiff cause a scire facias to issue on said supersedeas after the expiration of the period aforesaid.

Scire facias barred.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That whenever a writ of replevin shall be demanded from any one of the said district justices, according to the jurisdiction herein given to the said district court, it shall be the duty of such justice before he issues the same, to require and take from the party demanding such writ of replevin, a bond to the party holding the property, with one or more securities whom the said justice shall in his conscience believe to be worth double the value of the specific articles of property intended to be replevied, with condition that the party so replevying, his executor or administrator, shall well and truly return the same property to the party out of whose hands the property shall be so replevied, his executors, administrators or assigns, in case a return of the same shall be adjudged by the district court before whom the said writ of replevin shall be tried, and shall pay all damages and costs which may be awarded by the said court; and upon the service of any such writ of replevin, the goods and property shall be forthwith appraised by two sworn appraisers, to whom the officers serving the said writ are hereby authorized and required to administer an oath or affirmation, that they will truly and impartially appraise the same property at the sum or price they shall believe it to be really worth, and if such appraisement shall exceed one hundred dollars, all further proceedings shall cease, and the plaintiff or party demanding the said writ shall be liable for, and pay all costs and charges which may have accrued thereon, and the said officer shall return the said writ to the said district court, certifying thereon that the value of the property exceeds the jurisdiction of the said court, and he shall return the schedule and appraisement of the property annexed to the said writ and return.

Writ of replevin.

Proceeding in.

Bond required.

Condition.

Appraisement.

Oath required.

Case of exceeding \$100.

Return directed.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any person or persons shall be indebted to any other person or persons in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and the said creditor or creditors shall make oath or affirmation before any one of the said district justices, that the said debtor or debtors is or are indebted to him, her or them, in the sum of not exceeding one hundred dollars, and that the said debtor or debtors do not reside within the limits of the state of Maryland, or that he, she or they, is or are credibly informed and verily believes that the said debtor or debtors hath or have absconded from his, her or their place of abode, whereby his, her or their creditors may be

Claim against non-residents, &c.

Or persons absconded.