

And have judgment. have judgment on such verdict as the jury may render in her favour.

If under age. **SEC. 3. And be it enacted,** That when any feme sole, who shall be under the age of twenty-one years, shall be injured in her character or reputation as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for her prochein ami to sustain an action of slander against any such person or persons so injuring the reputation or character of such female, in the manner and form aforesaid.

Prochein ami. **SEC. 4. And be it enacted,** That it shall and may be lawful for the husband of any female, to prosecute and sustain an action of slander, against any person or persons for words maliciously spoken subsequent to the marriage of said female, touching the character or reputation for chastity of said female previous to her marriage, and to recover damages as aforesaid.

Husband may sue and recover. **SEC. 5. And be it enacted,** That all proceedings under this act shall be the same as those now used in the courts of law of this state, in actions of slander; and that all the principles of law, both common and statutory, now applicable to cases of slander, except such as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall apply also to all such cases as are herein contemplated.

Process directed.

CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT to authorize the approval of the Bonds of the several Clerks of the several County Courts in this State.

In case specified. **SEC. 1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,** That whenever any clerk of a county court in this state, shall have been, or may hereafter be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, and commissioned during the recess of such court, it shall and may be lawful for the orphans court of the county for which said clerk shall be commissioned, or any two justices thereof, to take and approve the official bond of said clerk in as full and ample a manner, as the judges of the county court are now authorized to do according to the existing laws; *Provided nevertheless,* that the said county court at their first term thereafter, shall examine the said bond and endorse their approval thereof, or in the event of their disapproval, require a new bond to be given during said term by said clerk, with sufficient surety or sureties; and to endorse their approval thereof upon such new bond as aforesaid.

Orphans court, &c. may take and approve the bond.

Subject to approval.

Bond to be recorded. **SEC. 2. And be it enacted,** That when the said bond shall have been approved by the said county court, it shall be recorded and shall be renewed from time to time, by said clerk under the approval of the said county court as is now required by law.