

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said bond so approved by the justices of the orphans court as aforesaid, shall be recorded by the register of said court, and shall avail in all respects as the official bond of a clerk of a county court, now required by law, until the new bond be taken by the county court and approved and recorded as herein before provided.

Recognized  
as available.

#### CHAPTER 244.

AN ACT to repair Injuries done by Rail Road Carriages and Engines, upon the several Rail Road Companies of this State.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the several rail road companies in this state, shall be responsible for injuries hereafter, resulting in death, or otherwise, inflicted upon any stock, as cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, &c. or by fire occasioned by their engines, or carriages, upon any of their roads, and the branches thereof, unless said company can prove to the satisfaction of the justice, magistrates' court, or other tribunal, before which said suit may be tried, that the injury complained of, has been committed without any negligence on the part of said company or their agents; the damages claimed shall be sued for, and be recoverable by action of the owner or owners of said stock, or the person or persons, injured by fire as aforesaid, before a single justice of the peace, when the damages claimed shall not be over fifty dollars; before the magistrates' courts, when the damage shall not be over one hundred dollars; and before the county courts, when the damages shall be over one hundred dollars.

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sponsible  
for injuries.

Method of  
recovering.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the damages claimed under this act, shall be sued for in the county where the injuries shall have been done, and that summons served upon the president, or any one of the directors or conductors of any of said companies, shall be considered proper service upon the corporations; *Provided*, that said service shall be made at least twenty days before the day of trial; *And provided*, that if said company shall not appear to answer at the time therein specified, on the return of two subpoenas, served as aforesaid, then the court shall proceed to enter up judgment against said corporation, as if said corporation had regularly appeared, provided said judgment shall not be rendered, until affidavit shall be filed, shewing the name of the president, director or conductor, on whom said service was made, and the day of said service.

Suit for,  
brought and  
conducted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any property belonging to the said corporation, shall be liable for the amount of all judgments rendered under this act; *Provided however*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to deprive either party of the right of appeal, as in all cases for like causes of complaint, or the right of removal of said causes to any other county court, as in other civil actions.

Property  
liable.