

city of Baltimore, or no family in such dwelling-house, or no person in service or employ aforesaid, then such notice shall be deemed duly served, if set up on some conspicuous part of the demised or let premises; and any notice shall be deemed sufficient and valid as notice aforesaid from the lessor, that shall contain a direction or request to the tenant, to quit, or, leave, or go out of, or give up, the said premises, without specifying any term, period, time, or dates, whatsoever; and in like manner a notice from the tenant to the lessor, signifying an intention of quitting, leaving, going out of, or giving up, said premises, shall, without any specification as aforesaid, be deemed sufficient and valid, as notice as aforesaid from the tenant.

Specifying dispensed with
Legal service of notice from tenant.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any lessor who shall seek to avail himself of, or who shall have instituted, the proceeding aforesaid, allowed by said act for recovery of possession as aforesaid, of the said demised or let premises, to file with the justices or one of them, before whom such proceeding shall be had, or shall be intended to be had, any interrogatory or interrogatories to be answered by the tenant touching the tenancy aforesaid, or notice aforesaid, or for any matter of evidence in support of the pretensions of said lessor, in and about and for such proceeding; and such interrogatory or interrogatories shall be answered in writing, on oath, by said tenant, before the third day (excluding the day of service) after a copy thereof shall have been served on said tenant; and such copy shall be held to be duly served, if served or dealt with as is herein before provided, respecting the services of the notices aforesaid; and if the person alleged to be tenant as aforesaid, shall, after such service, omit to answer as aforesaid, he or she shall be deemed and taken to be tenant as claimed and pretended by said lessor in said proceeding, and to have had due notice as herein before prescribed, and to have confessed all such matters favourable to the said lessor's pretensions as shall be sought to be derived by such interrogatory or interrogatories; *Provided however*, that for cause shewn to the said justices or any one of them, the time for answering as aforesaid, may by the said justices or justice be enlarged, so, however, that the whole time for such answering shall not exceed eight entire days from and after, and exclusive of the said day of service.

Authority to file interrogatories.

For tenants to answer on oath.
Copy to be served.

On failing to answer.

Deemed as confession.

Proviso; time extended.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if in the proceeding aforesaid, a verdict shall be rendered in favour of such lessor, the jury shall thereupon proceed to assess against the tenant, damages for the holding over of the demised or let premises, not exceeding double the rate of the rent of said tenancy, and also for the expenses of said lessor, in and about said proceeding, over and above the legal costs thereof; and shall, for said

Case of verdict.

Damages for holding over.