

may be of an equal or superior nature to the plaintiff's claim, and judgment shall be given as aforesaid.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the act of assembly passed at a session of assembly begun and held at the city of Annapolis on the tenth day of July, in the year one thousand seven hundred and twenty-nine, entitled, *an act providing what shall be good evidence to prove foreign and other debts, and to prevent vexatious and unnecessary suits at law, pleading discounts in bar, and for repealing an act of assembly therein mentioned, and every part and clause thereof, except the clause repealing the act therein mentioned, be and hereby is repealed; provided nevertheless, that all debts and accounts heretofore proved agreeably to the said act, or which may hereafter be proved agreeably to the rules prescribed by the said act on or before the first day of November next, shall be good and sufficient in law to all such intents and purposes as if the said law had not been repealed; and provided also, that all accounts for any sum not exceeding thirty pounds current money in the course of any whole year, and proved agreeably to the said act, may be evidence as before the passing this act until the first day of January, seventeen hundred and eighty-nine, and after that time any account not exceeding ten pounds current money in the course of any whole year may be proved and received in evidence as aforesaid.

Part of an
act repealed
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* Chap. 20.

CHAPTER 47.

A SUPPLEMENT to the act, entitled, *An act directing the proceedings against persons guilty of fornication. *1781, ch. 13.

See 1796, ch. 34, by which a justice may pass an order on the father for the payment of an annual sum to the mother.

WHEREAS by the above recited act no direction is given to any justice of the peace, by whom a recognizance may be taken as security to indemnify a county from any charge that may accrue by means of an illegitimate child, to return such recognizance to the county court of his county, or to any county clerk to record such recognizance if so returned, by reason whereof the good citizens of the several counties of this state are liable, notwithstanding the said act, to become oftentimes burthened with the maintenance of such illegitimate children;

Preamble.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That every justice of the peace within this state, by whom any recognizance as aforesaid may be taken, shall return the same to the next county court to be held for his county, and that the clerk of the same court shall, within a reasonable time after such return, record the said recognizance among the proceedings of the said court; and the several county courts shall, when necessary, issue such process thereon as may be requisite to

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