

CHAPTER 149.

AN ACT to continue in force the Acts of Assembly which would expire with the present session.

Acts
continued.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all such acts and parts of acts of assembly as would expire with the present session of assembly, be and the same are hereby continued until the twentieth day of November next, and to the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen thereafter, except the act, entitled, a further supplement to the act, entitled, an act for regulating the mode of staying executions and repealing the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and for other purposes, passed at May session, eighteen hundred and thirteen.*

* Ch. 18.

CHAPTER 162.

AN ACT to prevent the unlawful cutting and carrying away of Wood and Timber.

See note to 1791, ch. 67, ante page 67.

Justice of
the peace
authorized
to deter-
mine cases
of damages.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of May next, in all cases of damage for the cutting, destroying or carrying away, timber or wood from off any land within this state, where such damage doth not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace of each respective county wherein the trespasser doth reside, to try, hear and determine, the matter in controversy between an owner of land and trespasser as aforesaid, and upon a full hearing of the allegations, and evidence of both parties, and being satisfied that the timber or wood alleged to have been cut, destroyed or carried away, really and truly belonged to the claimant, to give judgment in his favour against such trespasser, for such damages as may be assessed by any two or three judicious freeholders, to be appointed by the justice of the peace trying the case, but if on hearing an examination as aforesaid, the said justice shall be satisfied, either that the claimant is not the rightful owner of such timber or wood, or that the person charged is not guilty of cutting, destroying or carrying it away, as aforesaid, such justice shall give judgment in favour of the defendants for his costs of suit.

Judgments
may be su-
perseded.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That judgments rendered under this act may be superseded in the same manner as other judgments rendered by a justice of the peace.

Appeal
allowed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That any person who may think himself or herself aggrieved by any judgment, rendered under the provisions of this act, shall have the same benefit and liberty of appeal, and upon the same terms and conditions, as is allowed in cases of debts of a similar amount.