

sembly held in November seventeen hundred and eighty-five, taken up any such land, by either a common warrant, special warrant, or warrant of resurvey, the same shall be deemed and taken to be as good and available in law as if this act had at that time been in force, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided always*, that nothing in this law contained shall be construed to affect the right or interest which any person or persons may have heretofore acquired as informers, or otherwise, according to the laws of this state, relating to British confiscated property.

Land heretofore taken up deemed valid.

Proviso.

#### CHAPTER 138.

A further SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,\* entitled, an Act directing the manner of Suing out Attachments in this Province, and limiting the extent of them. \* 1715, ch. 40.

See notes to the original act, ante page 21.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That if any person whatsoever, not being a citizen of this state, and not residing therein, shall or may be indebted unto a citizen of this state, or of any other of the United States, in a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars, or if a citizen of this state being indebted to another citizen thereof in a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars, shall actually run away, abscond, or fly from justice, or secretly remove him or herself from his or her place of abode, with intent to evade the payment of his or her just debts, such creditor may in either case have the like remedy by attachment, and by the like process and proceedings, as a creditor may now have in such cases when the debt doth exceed the sum of money above mentioned.

Debts under fifty dollars due from non-residents, &c. may be recovered, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if such debtor or debtors shall be arrested on the *capias ad respondendum* issuing with such attachment from any county court in this state, or if the said debtor shall appear to the same within the time limited in other cases of attachment, the court in which such proceedings may be had shall have and exercise full and ample jurisdiction in such suit, in the same manner, and by the like process and proceedings, as if the said debt exceeded the said sum of fifty dollars current money.

Courts to exercise jurisdiction in certain cases.

#### CHAPTER 139.

AN ACT to provide for the conveyance and return of Process issued from the Courts of one County to the officers of another.

WHEREAS, the trial of causes, civil and criminal, is often delayed by the irregular manner in which process is conveyed from the courts of one county to the officers of another county, and by the want of convenient proof of the delivery of such process to the officers to whom the same is directed, as well as

Preamble.