

compensation for supporting such prisoner shall be paid within ten days from the delivering of such statement and notice, the said prisoner will be discharged from gaol.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any action shall be brought against any sheriff or gaoler for the escape of any prisoner discharged or permitted to go at large in pursuance of this act, such sheriff or gaoler may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence; and unless the plaintiff or plaintiffs on the trial of such issue shall prove the payment or a tender made to the said sheriff or gaoler, of the amount of compensation due to the sheriff in virtue of this act, and of the act to which this is a supplement, for keeping and supporting such prisoner at the time of discharging or permitting him to go at large, the said plaintiff or plaintiffs in such action shall not be entitled to recover. General issue.

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DECEMBER, 1823.—CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT to authorize the several Levy Courts in this State to recover from delinquent supervisors and other debtors, any sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars, which may be due to their respective counties, as other small debts are recoverable by individuals out of court.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the several levy courts in this state, may at any time hereafter order their respective clerks to state accounts, with their seal of office annexed thereto, between their respective counties, and any supervisor or supervisors, his or their security or securities, or other person or persons who now are or may hereafter become indebted to such counties in a sum or sums less than fifty dollars; and that the same shall be recoverable by process issued by justices of the peace, in the same manner as other small debts are recoverable by individuals out of court, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Authority.

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CHAPTER 62.

AN ACT to authorize the Levy Courts of the several counties of this state to pay the funeral expenses of Paupers out of the Poor House of said county.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall and may be lawful for the levy courts of the several counties of this state, to levy and assess on the assessable property of said counties, except Baltimore county, such sum or sums of money as shall be adequate to liquidate such accounts as they shall find necessary for the payment of all the accounts allowed by them for the funeral expenses of paupers, out of the poor house of said county. Levy.