

DECEMBER, 1825.—CHAPTER 20.

AN ACT to confirm and make valid the Acts and Proceedings of Justices of the Peace in this State.

WHEREAS, doubts have arisen as to the validity of the proceedings of justices of the peace in this state, in consequence of their not having qualified and subscribed the oath prescribed by the constitution as altered by the act of eighteen hundred and twenty-two, and confirmed in eighteen hundred and twenty-three. Preamble.

And whereas, much injury may result to the people of this state in consequence of the neglect on the part of said officers, to take and subscribe said oath, which omission may be a fruitful and prolific source of litigation, unless the acts and proceedings of said officers be confirmed and made valid; for remedy whereof,

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all acts and proceedings which have been had and done by justices of the peace since the alteration of the constitution aforesaid, be, and the same are hereby confirmed and made valid to all intents and purposes whatsoever, and shall have the same effect and operation in law as if the said justices of the peace had taken and subscribed the oath or oaths as aforesaid, any law to the contrary notwithstanding; *Provided*, they have qualified in the manner prescribed before the said alteration of the constitution. Acts confirmed.

CHAPTER 21.

A SUPPLEMENT to an ACT, entitled, an Act relating to the appointment of Constables in this State, and for other purposes, passed December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, chapter one hundred and forty.

See notes to the original act, ante page 811.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of each and every constable in this state, to serve and execute a warrant of distress, when required, within the limits of the district of the county or city for which he now is or may be hereafter appointed; and in all cases of distress for rent, in which property shall be seized by any constable properly authorized, such constable shall be entitled to have and receive the same compensation as is allowed to sheriffs for similar services under the laws of this state. Distress for rent—compensation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the responsibility of said constable, and of the securities on their bonds, shall be co-extensive with the authority hereby given, or which may be hereafter given to them to serve and execute process. Responsibility.