

sums of money they may expend under the provisions of this act, and the same shall be levied and collected in the same manner that other county charges are now by law levied and collected.

CHAPTER 50.

AN ACT to limit the operation and effect of Mortgages.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That ^{Limit.} no mortgage or deed of that nature, that may be executed after the first day of August, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, shall operate or be construed to operate, either in law or in equity, as a lien or charge, on any estate or property whatsoever, for any other or different principal sum or sums of money than the principal sum or sums that shall appear on the face of such mortgage, and be specified and recited therein, and particularly mentioned and expressed to be secured thereby, at the time of executing the same.

CHAPTER 51.

A further additional SUPPLEMENT to a supplementary ACT, entitled, an Act for the recovery of Small Debts out of court, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, chapter one hundred and thirty-eight.

See 1791, ch. 68, ante page 277.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* ^{Damages under \$50.} That from and after the first day of May next, in all cases where any injury shall be done to any real or personal property within this state; and where the damages claimed or laid shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace of the county where the same shall have been committed, or where the trespasser may reside, to hear and determine the matter in controversy between the parties, and to give judgment against the person or persons by whom the trespass had been committed, for such damages, as to the said justice may appear to be reasonable and just, not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* ^{Act of 1824, ch. 138, extended.} That the several provisions of the act of December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, shall extend and apply with equal force to this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* ^{Repealing clause.} That all laws contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.