- 18. Whenever any execution has issued on a forfeited recognizance against a person for not appearing according to the tenor of the recognizance, such person on the return of the execution, may appear and plead in discharge thereof, any plea which would have been good and sufficient to a scire facias on said recognizance, if a scire facias had issued thereon; and upon such plea being determined in favor of the person pleading the same, he shall be discharged from the said forfeiture; *Provided*, such person shall not be discharged from such execution until the trial of the plea, unless he shall pay and satisfy the execution, or give bond payable to the State, before the sheriff, or enter into recognizance in court with one good and sufficient security in double the forfeiture and costs due upon such execution, conditioned to appear and plead in discharge of the said execution, and to abide by and fulfil the judgment of the court thereupon.
- 19. It shall be lawful for the defendant, or for one or more of several defendants in all actions (except actions for assault and battery, false imprisonment, libel, slander, malicious arrest or prosecution, criminal conversation, or debauching of the plaintiff's daughter or servant,) to pay into court a sum of money by way of compensation or amends.
- 20. The plaintiff, after payment of money into court, shall be at liberty to reply to the same, by accepting the sum so paid into court in full satisfaction and discharge of the action, and he shall be at liberty in such case to have his costs taxed, and if they be not immediately paid, he shall have judgment for the costs so taxed; or, the plaintiff may reply that the sum paid into court is not enough to satisfy the claim of the plaintiff in respect of the matter to which the plea is pleaded; and in the event of an issue thereon being found for the defendant, the defendant shall be entitled to his costs of suit, and the plaintiff to so much of the sum paid into court as shall be found for him.
- 21. It shall not be necessary to state the name by which lands may have been patented, in declarations in actions of ejectment, dower, trespass or case, but the same may be described by abuttals, course and distance, by any name it may have acquired by reputation, or by any other description certain enough to identify the same.