

that court shall have jurisdiction in which proceedings shall have been first commenced.

59. Where defendants reside in different counties or in a county and the city of Baltimore, the court where any one of the defendants resides shall have jurisdiction, and the bill or other proceedings may be filed or had in such court.

60. When the defendants or any of them reside in a different county from that in which the land lies, which is to be affected by a suit, the court of the county or city where any defendant resides, or where the land or any part thereof lies, shall have jurisdiction, and the bill or other proceedings may be filed or had in such court.

61. Where all the defendants are non-residents, the bill shall be filed in the court of the county or city where the property to be affected by such bill or some part thereof lies, or shall be at the time the suit is instituted.

62. Where a decree has been made for a specific performance of a contract or the conveyance of land, or for the sale of land, the court passing such decree shall have the same power to execute said decree, or compel a compliance therewith in cases where the land, property or parties reside or lie in different counties from that in which the decree was passed, as if the said parties, land or property resided and lay in the county where the decree was passed.

63. In all cases where a bill shall be filed for the purpose of vacating any deed of manumission to take effect in future of any negro on the ground of fraud, on the rights of creditors, and for the sale of such negro, for the payment of the debts of the grantor, it shall not be necessary to issue a subpoena for said negro, but in lieu thereof the court shall appoint some gentleman learned in the law as guardian *ad litem* of said negro, whose duty it shall be to appear and make such defence for the said negro as the said negro might if he were free, and the court shall have full power, after a full hearing of the cause, to pass such a decree as might be passed in cases where all the parties were freemen, and they shall direct all the costs and charges of the proceedings, (including a fee of twenty or thirty dollars to the guardian in its discretion,) to be paid by the complainant and to be taxed and allowed in his bill of costs.