

CHAP. 74.

Passed Jan. 6, 1810

*An Act authorising John M. Williams, late Sheriff and Collector of Saint-Mary's County, to complete his Collection.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 227.

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*An Act to authorise a Lottery or Lotteries in Frederick County.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 227.

Lottery authorised

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Andrew Shriver, Joshua Cockey, Greenberry Majors, Ludwick Miller, Christian Bower, Adam Feeser, George Koontz, John S. Shriver, Peter Erb and Nicholas Dill, or such of them as shall enter into bond as herein after required, be and they are hereby authorised to raise by lottery or lotteries, at any place within this state, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, and sell and dispose of the tickets at any place within this state, free from tax.

Bond to be given.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any of the persons above named shall proceed to make sale of any ticket or tickets, they shall give bond in double the sum to be raised by said lottery or lotteries, conditioned that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within six months after the drawing thereof, as shall satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them, and after deducting the necessary expenses, within two years, apply the residue to the purposes of purchasing a lot of ground, and to erect thereon a good and suitable building for a place of divine worship and school, adjacent to Union Mills, in Frederick county, open to ministers professing the Christian religion of all denominations.

To be lodged in clerk's office.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bond or bonds be lodged with the clerk of Frederick county court, and upon the same, or any office copy thereof, suit or suits may be brought for any breach or noncompliance with the conditions thereof.

CHAP. LXXVI.

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*A Supplement to the Act(a), entitled, An act for the recovery of small Debts out of Court, and to repeal the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.* Lib. TH. No. 2, fol. 228.

(a) 1791, ch. 68. See 1801, ch. 42, and 1818, ch. 166.

Jurisdiction of justices of the peace extended.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of May next, in all cases where the real debt and damages doth not exceed the sum of fifty dollars(b), it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace of each respective county wherein the debtor doth reside, to try, hear and determine, the matter in controversy between the creditor and debtor, and upon full hearing of the allegations and evidences of both parties, to give judgment(c) according to the laws of the land, and the equity and right of the matter, in the same manner, and under the same rules and regulations, to all intents and purposes, as such justices of the peace are now authorised and empowered to do when the debt and damages do not exceed the sum of ten pounds current money.

(b) By December 1813, ch. 162, a justice of the peace is authorised to determine cases of damages for cutting, destroying, or carrying away, timber or wood, where such damage doth not exceed fifty dollars.

(c) By ch. 153, the justices of the peace, upon entering judgments, to enter the same so as to carry an interest thereon.