

V. **Provided always,** That this act shall be deemed, construed and understood, to extend only to debts or sums of money or tobacco due on contract, and not to actions of replevin, detinue, trover and conversion, or slander, or to actions of trespass, or for assault and battery, or imprisonment, or to such actions where the title or boundaries of land shall and may come in question. C H A P. XVI. Proviso.

VI. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of the several county courts within this state, shall not hold plea in the said courts of any debt or damage which shall not exceed ten pounds current money, or one thousand pounds of tobacco, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding. Justices not to hold plea, &c.

VII. This act to continue and be in force for the same time that the original act shall continue and be in force. Continuance.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT for the relief of Peter Green and Bennett Hamilton of Charles county. Passed May 21.

WHEREAS Peter Green and Bennett Hamilton, of Charles county, have, by their humble petition, set forth, that they became securities for a certain Edward Green, junior, one of the deputy-collectors of Charles Mankin, late sheriff of said county; that the said Edward Green, junior, has become a defaulter, and that the said Charles Mankin hath brought suit against the said Edward, and the petitioners, his securities, and obtained a judgment in Charles county court, April term, seventeen hundred and eighty-six; that there remains due on the said judgment the sum of eight hundred pounds current money, which the petitioners have superseded until the tenth day of February last, and that the said Edward Green refuses to give up his books as collector aforesaid, on which books it is alleged there are balances due and owing from the inhabitants of said county to the amount of four hundred pounds and upwards, which balances the said Edward Green continues to collect and to appropriate the money arising therefrom to his own use, to the further injury of the petitioners; Preamble.

II. **Be it enacted,** by the general assembly of Maryland, That the said Peter Green and Bennett Hamilton are hereby authorized and empowered to take into their possession the books of accounts of the said Edward Green, junior, as deputy-collector aforesaid, and to collect the balances due therein from the inhabitants of Charles county, in as full and ample manner as the said Edward Green, junior, might or could do had this act never been passed to the contrary. P. Green, &c. to take possession of books, &c.

III. **And be it enacted,** That all payments made to the said Edward Green, junior, after notice of this act, shall be null and void, and the said Peter Green and Bennett Hamilton, their executors, administrators or assigns, shall have full power and authority to recover any sum or sums of money so paid of the person or persons paying the same, they the said Peter Green and Bennett Hamilton first giving public notice by advertisements to be set up in the most public places in the district of said county for which the said Edward Green was deputy-collector, of the passage of this act in their favour. Certain payments null and void, &c.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT for the relief of Thomas Morton of Montgomery county. Passed May 21.

WHEREAS it appears to this general assembly, that Henry Hunter, by his last will and testament, directed his executor to sell certain lands, and the monies arising from the sale thereof to be distributed in the proportion of one third to his wife Susanna, and two thirds to his children; that Daniel Hunter, the said executor, declined acting as such, and that Susanna, the wife and widow of the said Henry, took out letters of administration with the will annexed; that the said Susanna, as administratrix with the said will annexed, sold and disposed of the said lands to the said Daniel Hunter for one thousand three hundred and fifty pounds; that the said sale was publicly and fairly Preamble.