

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

CHAPTER 575.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 8 of Article 53 of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, title "Landlord and Tenant," sub-title "Distress for Rent."

Distress for rent.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 8 of Article 53 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Landlord and Tenant," sub-title "Distress for Rent," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

Landlord or agent to make oath as to claim.

8. Every landlord, or his agent, who may be authorized to distrain for rent due him, shall, previous to making such distress, make oath before any officer of the county or State where the landlord or agent may reside, who is qualified by law to administer oaths or affidavits, or in case said landlord or his agent reside beyond the State of Maryland, such oath may be taken before any officer qualified to administer an oath in the State or district where the said landlord or his agent may reside, that his tenant is justly and bona fide indebted to him in the sum of dollars and cents, specifying the amount which the said landlord may claim to be due him in dollars and cents, where the distress is for a certain money rent, or that he is justly and bona fide entitled to the quantity and proportion of the produce claimed by the said landlord, when the distress is for grain or produce, for rent in arrear and already due him, the said landlord; and that he, the said landlord, has not received, directly or indirectly, any part or parcel of said rent claimed to be due and in arrear, except, however, the credits, given to the best of his knowledge and belief, and any distraint warrant made and sworn to as aforesaid by any agent of any landlord, directed to any constable, sheriff or bailiff, shall be as valid and effectual to all intents and purposes as if made and executed by the landlord himself or in person.

Relating to a distraint.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 12, 1904.