

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall not continue in force longer than one year from the date of the passage thereof.

CHAP. 137.
Limit—one year

CHAPTER 137.

An act relating to Riots.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, if any county or incorporated town or city of this State, any church, chapel or convent, any dwelling house, any house used or designed by any person, or any body politic or corporate, as a place for the transaction of business or deposit of property, any ship, ship yard or lumber yard, any barn, stable or other out house, or any articles of personal property, shall be injured or destroyed, or if any property therein or thereon shall be taken away, injured or destroyed, by any riotous or tumultuous assemblage of people, the full amount of the damage so done shall be recoverable by the sufferer or sufferers, by suit at law against the county, town or city, within whose jurisdiction such riot or tumult occurred; *Provided however*, that no such liability shall be incurred by such county, incorporated town, or city, unless the authorities thereof shall have had good reason to believe that such riot or tumultuous assemblage was about to take place, or having taking place, should have had notice of the same in time to prevent said injury or destruction, either by their own police, or with the aid of the citizens of such county, town, or city, it being the intention of this act, that no such liability shall be devolved on such county town, or city, unless the authorities thereof having notice, have also the ability of themselves, or with their own citizens, to prevent said injury; *Provided further*, that in no case shall indemnity be received where it shall be satisfactorily proved that the civil authorities and citizens of said county, town or city, when called on by the civil authorities thereof, have used all reasonable diligence, and all the powers entrusted to them for the

Case of injury by riot

Damage recoverable from the town county or city

Except they had not notice, &c.

Explanatory