

co-partnership or incorporation and the genuineness of such signature shall be deemed to be admitted for the purpose of said cause, unless the said affidavit shall further state that the affiant knows or has good reason to believe such allegations of co-partnership or incorporation to be untrue, or that such signature was not written by or by the authority of the person whose signature it purports to be in case any part of the debt or damage claimed be admitted to be due, the plaintiff shall be entitled forthwith to an entry of judgment therefor, with costs, in the discretion of the Court, to the time of entry of such judgment, and if the amount so admitted to be due shall not be below the jurisdiction of the Court, the plaintiff may at once have execution therefor, and upon such entry of judgment the plaintiff may join issue or reply to the pleas as to the disputed portion. And the case shall be proceeded with as to such disputed portion in the same manner as if the suit had been originally instituted for the recovery of the same, and the Court shall have jurisdiction as to such disputed portion in all cases where the amount originally claimed shall be within the jurisdiction of the Court, but if either judgment in the case be below the jurisdiction of the Court, no execution shall issue from that Court on the same, and the provisions of section 17 of Article 26 of the Code of Public General Laws shall apply thereto. Yet if the sum of the two judgments shall equal such jurisdiction they may then be included in an execution issued from that Court, provided that the Court for good cause shown may by its order in writing passed at any time before judgment extend the time for filing such pleas and affidavits, which extension shall suspend until the expiration thereof the plaintiff's right to enter judgment under this section.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 3 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Baltimore County," sub-title "Circuit Court," to follow section 41 of said article and to be known as section 41A, and to read as follows:

41A. If the defendant shall dispute the whole or any part of the plaintiff's demand in any action brought under the provisions of the three foregoing sections, and upon trial of the case the plaintiff shall recover for a judgment for any portion of his demand so disputed, then the plaintiff shall be allowed in addition to the costs of the suit a reasonable counsel fee to be fixed by the Court. Said fee not to be more than \$100.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from June 1st, 1912.

Approved April 8, 1912.