

unless it voluntarily appears, in which event the court acquires jurisdiction. *Fairfax, etc., Co. v. Chambers*, 75 Md. 614.

A railroad company of Georgia, having a traffic arrangement with a steamship line in Maryland running from Baltimore to Savannah, and which employed an agent in this state to solicit freight, held to be "doing business" in this state, within the meaning of section 411 of the code of 1904. Service of process made on such agent, held sufficient to bind the railroad company. *Central of Ga. R. R. Co. v. Eichberg*, 107 Md. 366. *Cf. Gottschalk Co. v. Distilling Co.*, 50 Fed. 681.

Under section 411 of the code of 1904, a suit might be maintained in Maryland by a resident of Virginia against a Pennsylvania corporation where the application for insurance, the examination of the applicant, the delivery of the policy and the payment necessary to its validity, all took place in this state. *Fidelity Life Assn. v. Ficklin*, 74 Md. 179.

Where a foreign corporation has no place of business in Maryland, and has had no transactions within this state other than the purchase of certain machinery, it is not amenable to process here. *Crook v. Girard Iron Co.*, 87 Md. 140.

Attachments.

To bring a case within the operation of the first portion of section 411 of the code of 1904, applicable to resident plaintiffs, the obligation sought to be enforced must be a *direct* liability to such plaintiff. A resident plaintiff can not maintain an attachment in this state where the cause of action did not arise here and both the garnishee and the defendant are non-residents. Motion to quash held to have been made in time. *Cromwell v. Royal, etc., Ins. Co.*, 49 Md. 373; *Meyer v. Liverpool, etc., Ins. Co.*, 40 Md. 601. *Cf. Hodgson v. Southern Bldg. Assn.*, 91 Md. 445. And see *Universal Life Ins. Co. v. Bachus*, 51 Md. 30; *Odend'hal v. Devlin*, 48 Md. 445.

The last portion of section 411 of the code of 1904 (providing that nothing "in this article" should prevent or effect attachments against corporations), applied. *Hodgson v. Southern Bldg. Assn.*, 91 Md. 448.

Service and return of process.

Construing together sections 409 to 412 of the code of 1904, it was held that where a foreign or domestic corporation ceased to have an agent in this state after contracting a liability to a citizen of Maryland while transacting business here, process might be served against such corporation as to such liability, by service upon the president or any director or manager of the corporation to be found here. *Boggs v. Inter-American Mining Co.*, 105 Md. 385.

Since section 411 of the code of 1904 required that in case service was made upon an agent of the corporation, notice of such process should be left at the corporation's principal office, if the latter requirement is not complied with, a judgment founded on such defective process is void. *Wagner v. Shank*, 59 Md. 322.

The object of the portion of this section requiring a copy of the process to be left at the corporation's principal office being to inform the company of the process against it, a copy of a summons directed to an agent of the company would be misleading, and does not bind the corporation; practice in raising the question of the validity of such summons. *Smith Premier Co. v. Westcott*, 112 Md. 150.

The return of the sheriff ought to show affirmatively upon what person or persons the process was served. Service on the attorney for a corporation is not sufficient. Waiver of service. Admission of service by attorney. *Northern Central Ry. Co. v. Rider*, 45 Md. 31; *Dugan v. Baltimore*, 70 Md. 7. And see *Smith Premier Co. v. Westcott*, 112 Md. 150.

Generally.

Section 411 of the code of 1904 was not a grant of a privilege or immunity from suit to parties otherwise liable to be sued in Maryland, but the grant of a restricted and limited jurisdiction to the courts over certain suits against foreign corporations not otherwise amenable to the jurisdiction of our courts. Purpose of this section. *Cromwell v. Royal, etc., Ins. Co.*, 49 Md. 382. And see *Carstairs v. Mechanics' Ins. Co.*, 13 Fed. 824.