

months from the expiration of said stay, as now allowed by law; provided, however, that the court may, on motion, in writing, by the plaintiff or his attorney, showing sufficient reasons therefor, allow an execution or attachment or other proper writ to be issued at any time after the entry of judgment as aforesaid and before the expiration of said stay.

1908, ch. 682, sec. 37K (p. 861).

46. Nothing in the nine preceding sections shall prevent a defendant from filing a demurrer to the plaintiff's declaration instead of pleading thereto; but the filing of such demurrer shall not permit the plaintiff from obtaining judgment by default against the defendant, according to the provisions of the preceding sections, unless the defendant or some one in his behalf shall, at the time of filing such demurrer, also make oath or affirmation, to be filed in the case, that such demurrer is not interposed for the purpose of delay.

1908, ch. 682, sec. 37L (p. 861).

47. The clerk of said court shall have full power and authority to enter judgments by default under the rules of said court, according to the provisions of section 42 in the absence of the judge, but shall not have authority to extend such judgments or assess the damage, which shall alone be done by the order and under the direction of said court, or one of the judges thereof.

CLERK.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 14, sec. 38. 1882, ch. 389.

48. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the circuit court to enter in general indexes, all judgments on the day on which they are rendered; for which services he shall be allowed the same compensation as is now allowed for similar services, to be paid by the parties to the suit, respectively, as other costs are now paid.

1920, ch. 130, sec. 1.

49. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County is hereby authorized to make a general index of the Land, Mortgage, Equity, Judgment and Magistrate Judgment Records of said Howard County from the beginning of said records in the year 1840 in said county to the year 1920 according to the most approved system now in vogue.

1920, ch. 130, sec. 2.

50. The Clerk of the Circuit Court for Howard County is hereby authorized to let on contract the execution of the work of indexing as aforesaid mentioned as a whole, subject to the approval of the Judges of the Circuit Court for Howard County.