

ARTICLE XLV.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

Restrictions Upon Pledging of Husband's Credit by Wife.

22. Under what circumstances court may pass an order on petition of husband prohibiting wife from pledging his credit; procedure.

23. Tradesmen bringing suit against husband after notice of such order shall be liable in damages to husband.

24. Wife to be entitled to counsel to represent her in proceedings brought by husband for such order of court.

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1906, ch. 768, sec. 1.

22. Any married man who shall think that the pledging of his credit by his wife for necessities is being abused may apply by petition to any court of equity in the city of Baltimore, or in the county in which he resides, setting forth the facts upon which he relies, and praying that an order may be passed prohibiting his wife from pledging his credit. And thereupon a summons shall be issued for his wife, requiring her to answer the petition within such time as the court may fix; and if, upon the service of said summons and the expiration of said time and proof taken, the court shall be satisfied that the petitioner is supplying his wife with all necessities to which she is entitled, or with funds reasonably sufficient to purchase them, having regard to her station and the means of the petitioner, and that the pledging of the petitioner's credit is being abused by his wife, the said court shall pass an order as prayed in said petition, and notice of the passage of said order given by the petitioner in writing to any tradesman or other person shall be sufficient to prevent such tradesman or other person from recovering from the petitioner for any work thereafter done for, or goods, wares or merchandise thereafter furnished to the petitioner's wife or on her order.