

Damages. under any of the preceding sections, the court may assess the damages on the proof thereof, according to the practice of said court without empaneling a jury to do so.

Stay. SEC. 16 K. On all judgments entered in said court under the provisions of the preceding sections there shall be a stay of execution until the return day or the first day of the term, whichever shall first occur next succeeding the return day, or the term at which said judgment shall have been entered, with the right to the defendant to supersede the same for six 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.

Demurrer. SEC. 16 L. Nothing in the preceding section 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 prevent 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.

By default. SEC. 16 W. The clerk of said court shall have full power and authority to enter judgment by default under the rules of said court according to the provisions of section sixteen G, in the absence of the judge of said court residing in said county, but said clerk shall not have authority to extend such judgment or assess the damages which shall alone be done by the order and under the direction of said court or any one of the judges thereof.

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CHAPTER 137.

AN ACT to repeal and to re-enact with amendments sections ninety, one hundred and one and one hundred and three, of sub-title "County Commissioners," sections one hundred and sixteen and one hundred and seventeen of sub-title "County Treasurer," sections one hundred and eighty, one hundred and eighty-one of sub-title "Jurors," in article seventeen, of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Prince George's county," and to enact additional sections to said article to be designated