

justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for  
**Preamble.** Somerset County, with the violation of section one hundred and seventy-four and one hundred and seventy-nine of the Code of Public Local Laws for Somerset County, as repealed and re-enacted by chapter forty-four, of the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January session eighteen hundred and ninety, upon the oath and information of John R. Pruitt, also a citizen of Somerset County, was convicted on the twenty-ninth day of November in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, by said justice and fined fifty dollars and costs, which fine was paid to said justice, who has since paid one half of said fine to the informer and retained the other half in his hands to be disposed of according to law. And whereas, since the imposition and payment of said fine it has been discovered that the act of Assembly under which said fine was imposed had been repealed by chapter six hundred and two of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at said January session of eighteen hundred and ninety, and was not in force in Maryland at the time of said conviction and the imposition of said fine, but said conviction was illegal and said fine improperly imposed, paid and disposed of, now, therefore,

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That said William H. Groscup be and he is hereby authorized and required to repay and restore to said **To refund.** James E. Dashiell, the sum of twenty-five dollars, the same being one-half of the said fine imposed by him on said James E. Dashiell, and which is still remaining undisposed of in his hands, and the said informer, John R. Pruitt, be required to repay and restore to said James E. Dashiell, the sum of twenty-five dollars so as aforesaid received by him, the said John R. Pruitt as the informer in said case, and the said James E. Dashiell shall have his cause of action against said Pruitt for the recovery of said amount so as aforesaid illegally paid to him as such informer, recoverable by suit before a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland upon proper proofs of same as other debts of like amount are now recoverable in the State of Maryland.

**SEC. 2.** *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect **Effective.** from the date of its passage.

Approved April 1st, 1892.