

LAWS OF MARYLAND

CHAPTER 51.

Dec. 2, 1826.

Passed Feb. 2, 1826.

A further additional supplement to a supplementary act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, chapter one hundred and thirty-eight.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of May next, in all cases where any injury shall be done to any real or personal property within this state; and where the damages claimed or laid shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace of the county where the same shall have been committed, or where the trespasser may reside, to hear and determine the matter in controversy between the parties, and to give judgment against the person or persons by whom the trespass had been committed, for such damages, as to the said justice may appear to be reasonable and just, not exceeding the sum of fifty dollars as aforesaid.

Damage under \$50.

2. *And be it enacted,* That the several provisions of the act of December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, shall extend and apply with equal force to this act.

Act of 1824 ch 138 extended.

3. *And be it enacted,* That all laws contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

CHAPTER 52.

An act to confirm the proceedings of William C. Dawkins, late a justice of the peace for Calvert county.

WHEREAS, William C. Dawkins, of Calvert county, did transact business as a justice of the peace for said county, whilst holding the office of post master; all of which acts are deemed illegal: *And whereas,* unless the said acts are made valid much evil may result therefrom; Therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all acts and proceedings which have been done by the said William C. Dawkins, since his appointment as a justice of the peace for the county aforesaid, shall be as valid and shall have the same force, effect and operation in law as if the said William C. Dawkins had been duly qualified as a justice of the peace of the state of Maryland, in and for Calvert county, according to the laws of the said state.

Passed Jan. 26, 1826. Preamble.

Acts confirmed.

CHAPTER 53.

An act to extend the benefit of an act, passed February the eleventh, eighteen hundred and twenty two, chapter one hundred and fifty two, relating to Public Roads in the several counties therein mentioned, to Nathaniel Hoskin, of Harford county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Levy court of Harford county on the application of Nathaniel

Passed Feb. 3, 1826.

Levy court.