

CHAPTER 463.

AN ACT to add additional sections to Article six of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Caroline County," sub-title "Circuit Court," to come in after Section forty-nine, and to be designated as forty-nine A, forty-nine B, forty-nine C, forty-nine D, forty-nine E, and forty-nine F.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following sections be added to article six New sections. of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Caroline County," sub-title "Circuit Court," to come in after section forty-nine, and to be designated as forty-nine A, forty-nine B, forty-nine C, forty-nine D, forty-nine E, and forty-nine F.

49 A. In any suit, when the cause of action is a contract, whether in writing or not, or whether expressed or implied, the plaintiff, if affidavit or affirmation be made, as hereinafter stated, shall be entitled to judgment, to be entered by the court, on motion, at any time after the return day of the term next succeeding the one to which the defendant shall have been summoned, although the defendant may have pleaded, unless such plea contains a good defence, and unless the defendant, or some one on his behalf, shall, under oath or affirmation, to be annexed to said plea, state every plea so pleaded by the defendant is true, and shall further state the amount of the plaintiff's demand, if anything is admitted to be due and owing, and the amount disputed; and further, that the affiant verily believes the defendant will be able, at the trial of the cause, to produce sufficient evidence to support the plea as to the portion disputed, and that he is advised by counsel to file the said plea; and such plea shall be accompanied by a certificate thereto annexed, of counsel, that he so advised the party making such oath or affirmation; and if the partnership or incorporation of any of the parties to the suit shall be alleged in the declaration, and the affidavit be filed therewith, as hereinafter provided, or if there shall be filed with the declaration in said cause any paper purporting to be signed by any defendant therein, the fact of such alleged copartnership or incorporation, and the genuineness of such signature, shall be deemed to be admitted for the purposes of said cause, unless the said affidavit shall further state that the affiant knows or has good reason to believe such allegation of copartnership or incorporation to be untrue, or that such signature was not written by, or by the authority of the person whose signature it purports

Pleadings in suits on contracts.