

eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, respectively; and the said comptroller shall require and receive vouchers from said visitors and governors for the proper expenditure of said moneys as hereby appropriated.

Effective.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 5, 1888.

Chapter 409.

AN ACT to repeal sections nineteen and twenty of article seventy-five of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Pleading, Practice and Process," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

Repealed and re-enacted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That sections nineteen and twenty of article seventy-five, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Pleading, Practice and Process," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

Legal compensation.

SEC. 19. It shall be lawful for the defendant, or for one or more of several defendants, in all actions (except actions for assault and battery, false imprisonment, libel, slander, malicious arrest or prosecutions for criminal conversation, or debauching of the plaintiff's daughter or servant), to pay into court a sum of money by way of compensation or amends; and when two or more causes of action are joined in one suit or action, it shall be lawful for the defendants or for one or more of several defendants, to pay into court a sum of money by way of compensation or amends, for and on account of either or all of said causes of action.

At liberty to except.

SEC. 20. The plaintiff after payment of money, into court for and on account of any cause of action in any suit or action, in which said payment shall be lawful under the provisions of the preceding section, shall be at liberty to reply