

.....and.....costs, which were confessed by
in favor of the said.....on the.....day
 of.....before....., a justice of the peace of
 the State of Maryland, for St. Mary's county, the
 said debt and costs to be levied of our goods,
 chattels, lands and tenements for the use of the
 said....., in case the said.....shall not pay
 and satisfy to the said....., the aforesaid judg-
 ment and costs, with any additional costs
 thereon, at the expiration of six months from
 the date of said judgment." The said *supersedeas*
 to be signed by one or more sureties, who shall
 make oath before the said justice of the peace
 that they are worth each double the amount of
 debt, interest and costs, over and above all debts
 and exemptions, and the said justice shall judge
 of the sufficiency of said *supersedeas* to secure
 the amount of debt, interest and costs, and shall
 require the same to be sufficient to secure the
 debts, interest and costs; and when the *superse-*
deas shall be filed with the justice of the peace,
 and he shall be satisfied of its sufficiency as a
 security for the debt so confessed, the said jus-
 tice shall issue an order to the landlord, bailiff
 or agent to release the property in his possession,
 and all further proceedings in the distraint shall
 be null and void.

Form of
supersedeas.

Must be suffi-
cient.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in
 this act shall be construed as affecting the val-
 idity of existing contracts.

Not be con-
strued.

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

Effective.

Approved April 5, 1888.