

be issued at any time after the entry of judgment as aforesaid and before the expiration of said stay.

37K. Nothing in the nine preceding sections shall prevent a defendant from filing a demurrer to the plaintiff's declaration instead of pleading thereto; but the filing of such demurrer shall not permit the plaintiff from obtaining judgment by default against the defendant, according to the provisions of the preceding sections, unless the defendant or some one in his behalf shall, at the time of filing such demurrer, also make oath or affirmation, to be filed in the case, that such demurrer is not interposed for the purpose of delay.

37L. The clerk of said court shall have full power and authority to enter judgments by default under the rules of said court, according to the provisions of section 37F in the absence of the judge, but shall not have authority to extend such judgments or assess the damage, which shall alone be done by the order and under the direction of said court, or one of the judges thereof.

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

Approved April 6, 1908.

CHAPTER 351.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments section 44 of article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County," sub-title "County Commissioners and County Collectors," as the same was enacted by the laws of 1892, chapter 139.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That section 44 of article 14 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Howard County," sub-title "County Commissioners and County Collectors," as the same was enacted by the laws of 1892, chapter 139, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

44. The County Commissioners of Howard county shall at their first regular meeting, held in the month of May in each year, annually appoint some suitable person who shall be a resident of said county, clerk to their board, who, before entering upon the duties of his said office, shall make oath in due form of law, before the clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, to well and faithfully perform the duties of clerk to the County Commissioners of Howard county, and shall also exe-