

Justice of the Peace of this State, in the several counties respectively, by the provisions of the sixty-sixth article of the Code of General Law of Maryland in regard to Free Negroes and Mulattoes; and that this act take effect and go into operation immediately on its passage.

CHAPTER 7.

AN ACT to amend the eighty-third Article of the Code of Public General Laws by exempting a certain amount of property from execution. Passed May 8, 1861.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That one hundred dollars worth of property of each defendant therein shall be exempt from execution issued on any judgment in any civil proceeding whatever, except on judgments for breach of promise to marry or for seduction. Exempt.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That each defendant in any such execution may select property real or personal, to the value of one hundred dollars to be ascertained by three disinterested appraisers, to be summoned and sworn by the officer at the time of levying the execution and the appraisal signed by the appraisers, shall be returned with the writ. Returned with writ.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any property of any defendant whether real or personal, cannot be divided so as to set apart a portion of it of the value of one hundred dollars, without loss and injuring to all parties concerned, then the whole shall be sold, and the defendant whose property is so sold, shall have one hundred dollars of the proceeds in money and whether the property can be divided without loss shall be determined by the appraisers; this section only to apply to cases where a single parcel of land or single article of personal property is levied on, and in all such Determined by Appraisers.