

Jurisdiction," to increase the civil jurisdiction of the Justices of the Peace for Wicomico County from one hundred dollars to two hundred dollars.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 6 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

6. The civil jurisdiction of Justices of the Peace extends to all cases for the enforcement of contracts and to obtain redress for wrongs where the debt or damages claimed shall not exceed one hundred dollars; to all suits on bonds with penalty exceeding one hundred dollars; where the sum due and claimed does not exceed one hundred dollars; to actions of replevin where the value of the thing in controversy does not exceed one hundred dollars and which value shall be ascertained by appraisers summoned and sworn by the sheriff or other officer to whom the writ of replevin is directed, and to all cases of attachments against non-residents or absconding debtors where the sum claimed does not exceed one hundred dollars, and also to all cases of attachment in any of the cases mentioned in Section 36 of Article 9 where the sum claimed shall not exceed one hundred dollars; provided that nothing herein contained shall be held or construed to affect suits pending on April 5, 1900, nor judgments then existing. Justices of the Peace of Garrett and Wicomico Counties shall, after June 1, 1931, have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section of this Article instituted after June 1, 1931, and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1931.

Approved April 17, 1931.

CHAPTER 473.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 337A of Article 23 of Bagby's Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1929 Supplement), title "Corporations," sub-title "Condemnation of Property by Corporations," author-