

CHAP. 95.

If no judgment has been rendered, papers to be returned to a justice of the peace

Jurisdiction of single justice of the peace defined

Dockets to be delivered to clerk of county court

Notice to be given

Right of appeal secured

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases where suit has been instituted in said courts for the recovery of a sum, not exceeding one hundred dollars, if no judgment shall have been rendered thereon, on or before the said first day of March, it shall be the duty of the respective chief judges of the said courts, to deliver to some justice of the peace in the district, all the papers and proceedings relative thereto, and in case any writ of *capias* or *respondendum*, *scire facias*, *capias ad satisfaciendum*, *fieri facias* or *venditioni exponas*, issued by either of the said courts, for the recovery of a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, shall be in the hands of any sheriff, coroner or constable of the said county, after the said first day of March, it shall be the duty of the said sheriff, coroner or constable, as the case may be, to return the same to some justice of the peace of the district, who shall take such proceedings therein, as if the same had been originally issued by a single justice of the peace.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That a single justice of the peace shall have jurisdiction in all cases of account, note or bond, when the amount in controversy does not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, in all cases of assault and battery, where the damage laid or claimed do not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, and that in all cases where a warrant is demanded of a justice of the peace in civil cases of assault and battery, he shall require the party demanding the warrant, to state the amount of damage claimed, and insert the amount in his warrant.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it is hereby made the duty of the chief justices of the magistrates courts in and for Saint Mary's county, to deliver to the clerk of the said county the docket or dockets, kept by him, within thirty days after this act shall go into operation.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of Saint Mary's county, to publish in the newspapers of said county, this act for three successive weeks.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That shall have and exercise the same right of appeal to the county court, and in the same manner as is now allowed from the judgments of a single justice of the peace.

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