

CHAP. 292. portion of said lands which lies within this state, and the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby required to make a full return of their proceedings in the premises to Cecil County Court.

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CHAPTER 292.

Passed March 10, 1843 *An act to restrain the rigor of speedy proceedings for the recovery of small debts.*

No process to issue for thirty days after the rendition of judgment. Proviso.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,*  
That no execution or process of that nature shall be issued on any judgment rendered by a justice of the peace after the passage of this act, within thirty days after the rendition of such judgment; *provided*, the defendant against whom such judgment shall be rendered, within three days after notice that it is required by the plaintiff, shall cause sufficient special bail to be entered before the same, or in case of any cause requiring it, some other justice of the peace of the same county or city to secure the surrender of such defendant on any execution which shall be lawfully issued on such judgment, or satisfy the same with costs to the plaintiff; which entry of special bail may be in the following form, making such alterations therein as shall be rendered necessary for more than one plaintiff, defendant or bail. "A. B. plaintiff against C. D. defendant, before E. F. a justice of the peace, in and for \_\_\_\_\_ county (or city) to wit: I acknowledge myself special bail for the defendant in the above action in which judgment was rendered by said justice. This (date) for (debt)" which acknowledgement after the bail shall have justified on oath or affirmation as to sufficiency before said justice, shall be entered on a docket to be kept by him, and there signed by the bail in his presence, and a certificate thereof under the hand of the justice shall be prima facie evidence of the entry of such bail when accompanied by a certificate under seal of the proper officer, that such person is a justice of the peace; and every person becoming special bail in the manner aforesaid, shall be in all respects answerable in the same manner and to the same extent as in case of special bail given in due form in any action pending in a county court, and the justice taken such bail and giving a certificate thereof to the defendant, shall be entitled to receive from him therefor, a fee of twenty-five cents; and similar proceedings by scire facias may be had before the justice