

number of years, among the members of the bar, recognized, sanctioned and allowed by the judges of the fourth judicial district, of entering pleadings on the docket of said court, short, by consent of parties, or their attornies, instead of filing said pleas at length; and whereas, by a decision of the court of appeals, such entries on the docket are not considered as pleas in the cause; and whereas, the ends of justice require that a remedy should be provided in all such cases; therefore,

CHAP. 59.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for Somerset county court in all cases depending in said court, and in which no final judgment has been rendered, wherein any plea or pleading shall have been entered on the docket, and no plea filed at length, on application of either party, or his or her or their attorney, to enquire into the circumstances attending the entering of said plea in such suit, and if the said court shall be satisfied that such plea was entered short by consent of parties, or their attorney, the said court shall cause the counsel in the cause to draw up a plea or pleading at full length, which shall be made to conform to said agreement, and to put in issue such matters and things as were designed to be put in issue by such plea so entered short as aforesaid, which said plea or pleading so drawn up and examined as aforesaid, shall be caused to be filed by said court *nunc pro tunc*, and have the same force and effect in law, as if filed at the time of entering such short plea on the docket.

Court to enquire into the entering of pleas, &c.

CHAPTER 59.

*An act to amend an act entitled, An act for the relief of John B. Brooke, clerk of Prince George's county court.* Passed Feb. 4 1843.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the act passed the present session, entitled, An act for the relief of John B. Brooke, clerk of Prince George's county court, be and the same is hereby amended, so as to authorise the said John B. Brooke to place his fees in the hands of the sheriff of any of the counties of this state, by the time, and on the terms mentioned in the said original act.

May place his fees in hands of Sheriff.