

or reputation for chastity of a feme sole, and tending to the injury thereof, shall be deemed slander, and shall be treated as such in the several courts of law in this State. CHAP. 115.
Deemed slander

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for any feme sole of this State, whose character or reputation as a woman of chastity may be traduced or defamed by any person or persons, to sustain an action of slander against such person or persons, before a court and jury of the State, and to have judgment on such verdict as the jury may render in her favor. Feme sole may institute suit
And have judgment

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That when any feme sole, who shall be under the age of twenty-one years, shall be injured in her character or reputation as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for her prochein ami to sustain an action of slander against any such person or persons so injuring the reputation or character of such female, in the manner and form aforesaid. If under age
Prochein ami

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the husband of any female, to prosecute and sustain an action of slander, against any person or persons, for words maliciously spoken subsequent to the marriage of said female, touching the character or reputation for chastity of said female previous to her marriage, and to recover damages as aforesaid. Husband may sue and recover

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all proceedings under this act shall be the same as those now used in the courts of law of this State, in actions of slander; and that all the principles of law, both common and statutory, now applicable to cases of slander, except such as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall apply also to all such cases as are herein contemplated. Process directed

CHAPTER 115.

An act to divorce Rebecca Barron, of Prince George's County, from her husband Samuel Barron. Passed Mar. 5, 1839.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Rebecca Barron, of Prince George's county, be Divorce