

CHAP. 269. of their capital stock actually paid in, or which may from time to time be paid in, and in case any such payment shall not be made within six months after the said bank shall go into operation, or after any additional payment shall be made on its said capital stock, then the charter shall be deemed and taken to be absolutely forfeited and void.

In force, &c.

SEC. 23. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall continue in force until the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and until the end of the next session of the General Assembly which shall happen thereafter.

CHAPTER 269.

Passed Mar. 2, 1850. *An act giving Jurisdiction to single Justices of the Peace over cases Attachment in this State.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS; public convenience would be promoted by extending to single justices of the peace jurisdiction in cases of attachment in cases of small debts—Therefore,

Jurisdiction of single justices of the peace extended to cases of attachment not exceeding fifty dollars

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That whenever any person or persons shall be indebted to any other person or persons, in a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, and the said creditor or creditors shall make oath or affirmation before any justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, that the said debtor or debtors is or are indebted unto him, her or them, in the sum of not exceeding fifty dollars, and that the said debtor or debtors do not reside within the limits of the State of Maryland, or that he, she or they is or are credibly informed and verily believes, that the said debtor or debtors hath or have absconded from his, her or their place of abode, whereby his, her or their creditors may be injured or defrauded, and shall at the same time produce before the said justice of the peace, the covenant, bill, bond, note or account, or other evidence of the debt, it shall and may be lawful for any justice of the peace, to issue an attachment returnable before the justice of the peace who issued the same, upon a day certain to be therein named, not less than twenty days, and not more than thirty days, from the date of the issuing the said writ of attachment, against the goods and chattels, rights and credits, lands and tenements of the said absent or absconding defendant, which are or shall be in the