

## CHAP. 31.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Circuit Courts for the several counties be, and they are hereby authorised, to take cognizance of, and exercise jurisdiction over, hear, try, and determine, according to law, all causes, whether criminal or civil, which were depending in the County Courts of the said counties respectively, as courts of law, at the time of the qualification of the several judges of the said judicial circuits respectively; *Provided, however*, nothing herein contained, shall be so construed as to confer jurisdiction on the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, over any cause or business which was depending, at the time of the qualification of the judge of the sixth circuit, in Baltimore County Court, sitting for city business.

Proviso.

Power to enforce by scire facias, &c. all judgments, &c. remaining unsatisfied.

Proviso.

Proceedings made returnable.

Judgments, decrees, &c. declared valid.

Recognizances made returnable to circuit courts.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the Circuit Courts for the said counties respectively be, and they are hereby authorised and empowered to enforce by scire facias, execution, or otherwise, according to law, all judgments, decrees, and orders, remaining unsatisfied or unexecuted on the dockets of the County Courts of the said counties respectively, at the time of the qualification of the several judges of the judicial circuits respectively; *Provided, however*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any judgment, decree, or order of Baltimore County Court, sitting for city business.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all process and proceedings, whether criminal or civil, which may have been heretofore issued and made returnable to any of the said County Courts, except to Baltimore County Court, sitting for city business, in case the same may have been served or executed, may be returned; and in case the same may not have been served or executed, may be served, proceeded with, and executed and returned to the Circuit court for the proper county in the same manner, and to have the same effect as if the same had been made returnable before the said Circuit Court.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all judgments, decrees, orders, or other judicial proceedings, at law and in equity, of the several Circuit Courts, or of the judges thereof, after their election and qualification, as such rendered, passed or ordered before the passage of this act, or the time of its going into operation, be as valid and effectual, as if this act were in force at the time of the qualification of the circuit judges respectively.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all recognizances taken by any officer of the County Courts, or by any justice of the peace, or by any other person authorised to