

CHAPTER 112.

AN ACT to Simplify the Rules and Forms of Pleadings and Practice in the Courts of Law. Passed Mar. 6, 1856.

CHAPTER 1ST.

TITLE FIRST.

OF ORIGINAL WRITS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, as follows:

1. All personal actions, except Replevin, brought in any Court of Law in this State, shall be commenced by writ of summons; and the said writ shall be issued by the clerks of the said courts respectively, directed to the Sheriff or other proper officer. Personal actions, except replevin,

2. It shall not be necessary to mention any form or cause of action in any writ of summons. Not necessary.

3. Every writ of summons shall contain the name or names of the plaintiff or plaintiffs, and of the defendant or defendants; and shall state the day and the place when and where the defendant or defendants is or are to appear to answer the action; and shall bear date on the day on which the same shall be issued; and shall be tested in the name of the Judge of the Court from which it shall issue; and shall be signed, and sealed with the seal of the Court, by the Clerk thereof. Shall contain the name or names.

4. The writ of summons shall be in the following form: Form of summons.

“_____ County (or City) to wit:

State of Maryland to the Sheriff (or other proper officer) of _____ greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon (here insert the name or names of the defendant or defendants) of _____ (county or city) to appear before the (here insert the name of the court) to be held at (here insert the name of the place) in and for (here insert the name of the county or city) on the _____ day of _____ next, to answer an action at the suit of (here insert the name of the plaintiff or plaintiffs.)

And have you then, and there, this writ. Wit-