

C H A P. LXXXVI.

A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this state.

Passed December 24.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That one associate justice of any county court of this state, in court sitting, shall and he is hereby authorized and empowered to take special bail in any cause existing, or that may exist, in the county court of which he is the associate, and to accept the surrender of the principal by the bail, or the surrender by the principal of himself, in discharge of his bail, and to take new bail, or commit for want of bail, and to take recognizances for the appearance and security of any person or persons who have or may file petitions for freedom, and to enter judgments by consent and amerciements, and to enter judgments on default or amerciements of any sheriff or coroner, in the same manner as the court if full could or might have done before the passage of this act.

One associate may take bail, &c.

II. And, whereas the times of holding the courts in the several counties herein after mentioned have been found inconvenient, **Be it enacted**, That the county courts in the following counties shall be held as follows: In Montgomery county on the first Monday in March and first Monday in November; in Frederick county on the third Monday in March and third Monday in November; in Washington county on the first Monday in April and first Monday in December, and in Allegany county on the third Monday in April and the third Monday in October; in Calvert county on the fourth Monday in April and September.

When courts are to be held.

III. And be it enacted, That in all cases where suits may hereafter be brought by any person or persons, nonresidents of this state, the defendant or defendants against whom such suit may be commenced, or his, her or their attorney, may lay a rule, at or before the imparlance court, on such plaintiff or plaintiffs, or his, her or their attorney, to give security for all costs and charges that the said defendant or defendants may be put to in case such plaintiff or plaintiffs shall be nonsuited, or judgment be given against them, and in case of non-compliance with such rule, judgment of nonsuit shall be entered.

Defendants in certain cases may lay a rule, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That when any action of debt, or upon the case, shall be brought, and it shall be entered upon the record that such suit is brought for the use of any other person or persons, and the plaintiff or plaintiffs in such action shall discontinue or strike off his, her or their said action, or be nonsuit thereon, or in case there shall be a judgment or verdict in favour of the defendant or defendants, the party or parties for whose use the action was instituted shall be answerable for the legal costs of suit, and may be proceeded against by attachment against the person or property of such party or parties for the recovery of the same, in the same manner as if he, she or they, had been entered by rule of court the security for such costs of suit.

Who are liable for costs in certain actions, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That this act, so far as relates to changing the times of holding the courts, shall commence from and after the end of the next ensuing courts in the several counties therein mentioned respectively.

Commencement.

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An ACT to appoint an agent for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six.

Passed December 24.

**B**E it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Randolph Brandt Latimer, Esquire, be agent of this state, to execute the trust and power reposed in him by virtue of this act, from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, until the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

An agent appointed.

II. And be it enacted, That the said agent superintend the collection of all arrearages and balances due from the several collectors of the respective counties within this state, appointed since the first day of January, seventeen hundred and

To superintend the collection of arrearages, &c.