

3. The constable shall give notice to the plaintiff, or his agent, where either of them lives in the same hundred, of the time, and place he intends to carry the defendant before a justice; and, in case neither the plaintiff, having notice as aforesaid, nor any person for him, nor the plaintiff, nor any person for him when he lives out of the said hundred, and hath not appointed any agent, with or without notice, shall appear on the return of the warrant, or shall make default in not appearing at the time and place appointed, when there shall be an appointment by the justice of a future day for an hearing, the justice before whom any defendant shall be brought on a warrant, as aforesaid, or before whom he shall appear on an appointment as aforesaid, may, in his discretion, hear and determine the matter of controversy *ex parte*. *ibid.* § 3.

4. Where the debt or demand doth exceed 20s. common money, or 100lb. of tobacco, and either plaintiff or defendant shall think him or herself aggrieved by the judgment of any magistrate, he or she may appeal to the next county court before the justices thereof, who upon the petition of the appellant, in a summary way, shall hear the allegations and proofs of both parties, and determine upon the same according to the law of the land, and the equity and right of the matter, the same court in which the said petition shall be exhibited, without any further continuance or delay, unless it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said court that further time ought to be given to the party applying for the same, to enable the said court to determine the cause according to the law of the land, and the equity and right of the matter, or either of the said parties may demand a trial by jury, or leave the cause to be determined by the court, at their election. — *ibid.* § 4.

5. No execution upon judgment to be rendered by any justice, shall be stayed or delayed, or any *superseas* upon such judgment granted upon any appeal, unless the person appealing, or some other on his or her behalf, shall, immediately upon making such appeal, enter into bond, with sufficient sureties, such as the justice by whom judgment shall be given shall approve of, in double the sum recovered, with condition, "That if the party appealing shall not prosecute his appeal at the next county court with effect, according to the directions of the act, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, and also pay and satisfy the party in whose behalf the judgment of the justice shall be given, his executors, administrators or assigns, in case the said judgment shall be affirmed, as well the debt, damages and costs, adjudged by the justice from whose judgment such appeal shall be made, as also all cost and damages that shall be awarded by the court before whom such appeal shall be heard, tried and determined, then the said bond to be and remain in full force and virtue, otherwise to be of none effect." — *ibid.* § 5.

6. All warrants and executions, in virtue of this act, shall be made returnable