

1. **SUITS** may be commenced and prosecuted to final judgment in the county court of the county where the defendant or defendants may reside, whether for the recovery of any debt or damage, or of the right or possession to or of any lands, &c. or of goods and chattels, by writ of replevin.—1785, c. 87, § 1.

2. No action of trespass for injury done to the person or personal property of the plaintiff, replevin, debt, covenant, account, or on the case, shall be brought in the general court, unless the real debt or thing in demand, or damages assessed, exceeds the sum or value of real current money, or penalty of a non-suit, and costs to the defendant. *ibid.* § 2.

3. If any person commit a trespass on real property, and shall remove from the shore on which such property may lie to the other shore, or cannot be taken on the shore on which such property may lie, such trespasser may be sued in the court of any county where he or she may be found, or in the general court for the shore on which he or she may be; and if any trespass shall be committed on any real property, and the person committing the same shall remove from the county where such property may lie, or cannot be found in such county, such trespasser may be sued in any county where he or she may be found or in the general court, at the election of the party injured.—*ibid.* § 4.

4. No suit or action which hath been or may be commenced or brought in any county court, shall, before judgment, be removed by or on behalf of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in such suit or action to the general court, unless the plaintiff could originally have commenced such suit in the general court, on penalty of suffering a non-suit, and paying costs to the defendant, but any defendant or defendants shall have it in his, her, or their power, at any time before issue joined, to remove any cause or suit from the county court to the general court, which could have been removed before the passing this act.—*ibid.* § 5. See *Chancellor*, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18. *County clerks*, 41. *County courts*, 25, 36. *Land office*, 8. *Limitation of actions*.

## S U P E R S T I T I O U S U S E S.

**E**VERY gift, sale, or devise of lands, to any minister, public teacher, or preacher of the gospel, as such, or to any religious sect, order or denomination, or to or for the support, use or benefit of, or in trust for any minister, &c. as such, or any religious sect, &c. and every gift or sale of goods or chattels, to go in succession, or to take place after the death of the seller or donor, to or for such support, use or benefit; and also every devise of goods or chattels to, or to or for the support, use or benefit of, any minister, &c. as such, or any religious sect, &c. without the leave of the legislature, shall be void; except always any sale, gift, lease or devise, of land not exceeding two acres, for a church, meeting,