

with good security for the principal and interest due, and deliver up and assign the original bond to such security, that he may have the same remedy as the state to recover the sum for which he shall give his bond as aforesaid from the estate of the deceased.

C. H. A. P. LXXXIV.

VIII. BE IT ENACTED, That the attorney-general be entitled to receive fifty shillings current money on suit or execution on each bond, and no more, notwithstanding there may be more obligors than one in the same bond, and notwithstanding more executions may issue than one, or execution may issue more than once for one and the same cause.

Attorney-general's fee.

See 1786, ch. 44, section 6.

C. H. A. P. LXXXV.

An ACT respecting the loan made by this state with Messieurs Nicholas and Jacob Vanstaphorst, of Amsterdā, merchants. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 66. Repealed by November, 1787, ch. 33.

Passed 12th of March, 1786.

C. H. A. P. LXXXVI.

An ACT to make valid the proceedings of the vestry of Saint-Peter's parish, in Talbot county, and for other purposes therein mentioned. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 69.

Passed 11th of March, 1786.

C. H. A. P. LXXXVII.

An ACT concerning jurisdiction. Lib. TBH. No. B. fol. 69.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That any person, after the end of this session of assembly, shall have full power to commence, prosecute, and carry on to final judgment, in the county court (a) of the county where the defendant or defendants may reside, any action or suit at law whatsoever, whether the same be for recovery of any debt or damages, or of the right or possession to or of any lands, tenements or hereditaments, or of goods and chattels, by writ of replevin; and the several and respective county courts shall have full power and authority to hear and determine all such suits and actions.

Suits may be commenced, &c.

(a) By 1791, ch. 68, the justices of the county court shall not hold plea of any debt or damage in cases within the jurisdiction given to justices of the peace out of court which shall not exceed £. 10 0 0, or 1000 lbs. tobacco; the act to extend only to debts, or money or tobacco due on contract, and to damages for the non-delivery of grain, &c. contracted to be delivered.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That 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 one hundred pounds current money; and if any such action shall be brought in the general court, and it shall appear to the court that the real debt or thing in demand, or damages assessed, doth not amount to the sum or value of one hundred pounds current money, the plaintiff shall be nonsuit, and pay costs to the defendant.

No action to be brought, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all actions for trespass done or committed on real property only, which may hereafter be brought in the general court, judgment shall be given for the plaintiff for the damages recovered or assessed, together with costs in such action, without any regard to the sum recovered or assessed.

Judgment shall be given, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That 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.

Trespassers may be sued, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That 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 such plaintiff or plaintiffs suffering a nonsuit, 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 by such defendant before the passing this act.

No action shall be removed, &c.