

any constable or sheriff, who admits the receipt of any debt or demand, it shall and may be lawful for the justice to give judgment and award execution forthwith against such constable or sheriff, directed to the sheriff or coroner, as the case may require, for the same, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

C. H. A. P. XII, XIII.

IX. And be it enacted, That evidences shall be allowed two shillings and six-pence common money per day for each day's attendance, and no more, and that neither of the parties shall be allowed in the costs of suit for more than three witnesses.

Evidences allowed 2/6 per day, &c.

X. And be it enacted, That in all cases where witnesses do not attend according to summons, the justice before whom such witness ought to have attended, shall and may enforce obedience to his process by attachment of contempt, and shall and is hereby required to make return of such contempt to the justices of the next county court, who are hereby authorized and required to take cognizance thereof, and shall and may at their discretion fine the offender any sum not exceeding twenty shillings common money for every such offence, to be applied towards defraying the charge of such county.

Penalty on witnesses not attending.

XI. And be it enacted, That the justices of the several county courts within this state, shall not hold plea in the said courts of any debt or damage which shall not exceed three pounds sterling, five pounds common money, or eight hundred pounds of tobacco, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Justices not to hold plea of small debts in county courts.

XII. Provided always, That this act shall be deemed, construed, and understood, to extend only to debts or sums of money or tobacco due on contract, and not to actions of replevin, detinue, trover and conversion, or slander, or to actions of trespass, or for assault and battery, or imprisonment, or to such actions where the title or boundaries of land shall or may come in question.

Proviso.

XIII. And be it enacted, That an act of assembly made at a session of assembly, held at the city of Annapolis on the fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, before one justice of the peace, and the act or acts continuing the same, be and are hereby abrogated, repealed and made void.

Former acts repealed.

XIV. This act to continue three years, and unto the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said three years.

Continuance.

C. H. A. P. XIII.

An ACT for the special appointment of inspectors.

WHEREAS inspectors have not been chosen by the vestries in the several counties of this state, agreeable to the directions of the act of assembly for that purpose,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of the several and respective counties within this state, shall,

Justices to appoint inspectors, &c. on