

V. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall, by violence or force, take swine or geese, or any of them, out of the possession of any person or persons seizing and securing the same by virtue of this act, without first paying as aforesaid, and shall be thereof convicted, either by confession or verdict, such person or persons shall be fined in the sum of ten pounds current money for every such offence.

C H A P. VIII.

Penalty on persons taking swine, &c. by violence, &c.

VI. And be it enacted, That if any person or persons shall be sued or impleaded for any thing done by virtue of this act, the defendant may plead the general issue, and give this act and the special matter in evidence, and if the plaintiff shall be nonsuit, or discontinue his suit, he shall pay treble costs, and such damages as the court shall adjudge.

Persons may plead the general issue, &c.

C H A P. IX.

An ACT to revive and aid the proceedings of Harford county court, and for other purposes.

Passed December 27.

WHEREAS before the commencement of the act for the better administration of justice in the several counties of this State, the justices of Harford county court, at their meeting in the month of February last, omitted to adjourn the said court, whereby all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, both civil and criminal, in the same court depending, were discontinued,

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II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all causes, pleas, process and proceedings, both civil and criminal, (except as hereafter excepted) which were depending, and undetermined, in the said county court, at their said meeting in February, shall be continued to the next county court, to be held for the said county on the second Monday in March next, and shall be adjudged and taken, to all intents and purposes, to be in the same state and condition, at the said term in March next, as if the said court had been adjourned as by law required, and the said causes, pleas, process and proceedings, regularly and lawfully continued from term to term; and that the justices of the said county court may, at their said next term, proceed to hear and determine, or further continue, and thereafter hear and determine, the said causes, pleas, process and proceedings, respectively, as the case may require, as fully and effectually as the same might or lawfully could have been done at their term in March last, if the said discontinuances had not happened: Provided nevertheless, that in case any plaintiff or plaintiffs in any suit or suits so discontinued, hath or have renewed his or their action or actions, and caused the defendant or defendants therein to be arrested, such action or actions shall not be taken or deemed within the provisions of this act.

Causes, &c. continued, &c.

III. And, whereas the justices of the said court, at the last term, in August, adjourned to the court in course, and, without legislative provision, the sheriff of the said county cannot give bond until the second Monday in March next, Be it enacted, That the justices of the said county court, or the chief justice alone, or his associates, are hereby authorized and required to meet, and hold a court, on the second Monday of December next, for the purpose of taking bond from the sheriff of the said county, and his securities, and that the bond so taken shall be as good and available, to all intents and purposes, as if the justices aforesaid had adjourned the said court to the second Monday in December aforesaid, and then met and taken the same.

Justices to meet, &c.

C H A P. X.

An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to provide for the appointment of commissioners for the regulation and improvement of Easton, in Talbot county, and to establish and regulate a market at the said town.

Passed December 27.

WHEREAS the powers granted to the commissioners by the original act to which this a supplement, are deemed insufficient, by means whereof the commissioners have not made such regulations as are absolutely necessary for the regulation and improvement of the town;

Preamble