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nine, in the same manner as he could or might have done within the time limited by law, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said John M. Williams, before he derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge his collection books, or a copy thereof, in the clerk's office of Saint-Mary's county, to be opened for the inspection of all persons interested in the same.

C H A P. LXXV.

Passed 6th of
Jan. 1810.

An ACT to authorise a Lottery or Lotteries in Frederick County.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Andrew Shriver, Joshua Cockey, Greenberry Majors, Ludwick Miller, Christian Bower, Adam Feezer, George Koontz, John S. Shriver, Peter Erb and Nicholas Dill, or such of them as shall enter into bond as herein after required, be and they are hereby authorised to raise by lottery or lotteries, at any place within this state, a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, and sell and dispose of the tickets at any place within this state, free from tax.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That before any of the persons above named shall proceed to make sale of any ticket or tickets, they shall give bond in double the sum to be raised by said lottery or lotteries, conditioned that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising therefrom, within six months after the drawing thereof, as shall satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them, and after deducting the necessary expenses, within two years, apply the residue to the purposes of purchasing a lot of ground, and to erect thereon a good and suitable building for a place of divine worship and school, adjacent to Union Mills, in Frederick county, open to ministers professing the Christian religion of all denominations.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the bond or bonds be lodged with the clerk of Frederick county court, and upon the same, or any office copy thereof, suit or suits may be brought for any breach or non-compliance with the conditions thereof.

C H A P. LXXVI.

Passed 6th of
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A Supplement to the Act, entitled, An Act for the recovery of small Debts out of Court, and to repeal the Acts of Assembly therein mentioned.

BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of May next, in all cases where the real debt and damages doth not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace of each respective county wherein the debtor doth reside, to try, hear and determine, the matter in controversy between the creditor and debtor, and upon full hearing of the allegations and evidences of both parties, to give judgment according to the laws of the land, and the equity and right of the matter, in the same manner, and under the same rules and regulations, to all intents and purposes, as such justices of the peace are now authorised and empowered to do when the debt and damages do not exceed the sum of ten pounds current money.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where judgments shall be rendered by a justice of the peace for any sum exceeding ten pounds current money, it shall be lawful for the defendant to supersede the said judgment at any time within sixty days from the rendition thereof, which supersedeas shall stay execution for twelve months thereafter.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That where any judgment shall be superseded, the said supersedeas shall be taken by the justice who rendered the judgment, and no other, provided such justice is living in the county and acting in his judicial capacity.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices of the peace in the respective counties be and they are hereby directed, and it is hereby made their duty, to keep a docket, and therein to record and make regular entries of their proceedings in all cases in which they shall act in virtue of their office, and they are hereby directed to furnish the plaintiff and defendant respectively with a copy of any judgment by them given, when required, on which copy any other justice of the peace of the county is hereby authorised to issue execution or *feri facias*.