

## CHAPTER 109.

\* 1802, ch. 100. A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,\* entitled, an Act respecting the Debts due to this State, and the Debtors thereof, and for other purposes.

Merged in 1814, ch. 103. See notes to the original act, 1802, ch. 100, ante page 469, and 1817, ch. 137.

## NOVEMBER, 1804.—CHAPTER 55.

AN ACT to provide for the Trial of Facts in the several Counties of this State, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the Constitution and Form of Government as relate to the General Court and Court of Appeals.

Supplements and other acts are, 1805, ch. 16, 65, 86; 1806, ch. 41, 90; 1812, ch. 145; 1821, ch. 125; 1822, ch. 131; 1824, ch. 138; 1825, ch. 117; 1826, ch. 52, 240; 1827, ch. 44, 85; 1828, ch. 27, 165; 1829, ch. 166, 238; 1830, ch. 185, 186; 1831, ch. 15, 64, 203, 303, 313, 319; 1832, ch. 111, 197, 208, 230, 273, 292, 302, 306, 307; 1833, ch. 93, 224, 254, 274, 276; 1834, ch. 76, 83, 88, 89, 105, 126, 189, 190, 194, 244, 248, 296, 305, 309; 1835, ch. 200, 201, 235; 1836, ch. 150, 156, 269, 289, 293, 305; 1837, ch. 116, 217.

State divided into districts—judges to be appointed.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this state shall be divided into six judicial districts, in manner and form following, to wit: St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's counties, shall be the first district; Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties, shall be the second district; Calvert, Anne Arundel and Montgomery counties, shall be the third district; Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, shall be the fourth district; Frederick, Washington and Allegany counties, shall be the fifth district; Baltimore and Harford counties, shall be the sixth district; and there shall be appointed, for each of the said judicial districts, three persons of integrity and sound legal knowledge, residents of the state of Maryland, who shall, previous to and during their acting as judges, reside in the district for which they shall respectively be appointed, one of whom shall be styled in the commission Chief Judge, and the other two Associate Judges, of the district for which they shall be appointed; and the chief judge, together with the two associate judges, shall compose the county courts in each respective district; and each judge shall hold his commission during good behaviour, removable for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law, or shall be removed by the governor, upon the address of the general assembly, provided that two-thirds of all the members of each house concur in such address; and the county courts, so as aforesaid established, shall have, hold and exercise, in the several counties of this state, all and every the powers, authorities and jurisdictions, which the county courts of this state now have, use and exercise, and which shall be hereafter prescribed by law; and the said county courts established by this act shall respectively hold