

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all and every part of any act or acts of assembly inconsistent with, and repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed; *Provided*, that nothing in this act shall prevent any person from bringing suit in the county court for trespass as heretofore used and practised.

Repeal of former laws.

Proviso,

SEC. 5. *Provided always, and be it enacted*, That if the person or persons so cutting or carrying away timber or wood, shall claim title to the land on which the same was growing or lying, or shall allege that he or they acted under any person or persons claiming title to such land, and shall verify such claim or justification by oath, or affirmation, the justice before whom the trespass aforesaid shall be prosecuted, shall take no further cognizance of the same.

If person cutting timber, &c. shall verify his claim to land, justice to take no farther cognizance of same.

#### CHAPTER 164.

AN ACT concerning Sentences of Foreign Courts.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no sentence, judgment or decree, final or interlocutory, of any judge, court, board, council or tribunal, having or exercising municipal, admiralty or prize jurisdiction, without the limits of the United States, and its territories, shall be conclusive evidence in any case or controversy in the courts of this state, of any fact, matter or thing, therein contained, stated or expressed, except of the acts and doings of such foreign judge, court, board, council or tribunal; *Provided always*, that nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to impair or destroy the legal effects of any such foreign sentence, judgment or decree, on the property affected or intended to be affected thereby; *and provided also*, that nothing herein contained shall extend to any suit or action now depending in any of the courts of this state.

Foreign decrees not to be conclusive evidence within the jurisdictional limits of the U. States.

Provisos.

#### CHAPTER 165.

AN ACT authorizing persons to whom Letters Testamentary or of Administration have been or may be granted in the District of Columbia, to prosecute and recover claims in this state.

See notes to 1798, ch. 101, ante page 370.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be lawful for any person or persons to whom letters testamentary or of administration hath been or may hereafter be granted by the proper *authorized*\* in the District of Columbia, to maintain any suit or action, and to prosecute and recover any claim in this state, in the same manner as if the letters testamentary or of administration had been granted to such person or persons by the proper authority in this state; and the letters testamentary or of administration, or a copy thereof, certified

Persons to whom letters testamentary, &c. have been granted in District of Columbia, to maintain suit in this state.

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