

in dispute fairly to trial at the next term thereafter without any imparlance or delay.

9. The word county in this article shall include the city of Baltimore.

ARTICLE XIV.

Bills of Exchange and Promissory Notes.

SEC. 1. The owner or holder of every bill of exchange drawn in this State on any person, corporation or company in any foreign country, and regularly protested, shall have a right to recover so much current money as will purchase a good bill of exchange of the same time of payment, and upon the same place, at the current exchange of such bill, and also fifteen per cent. damages upon the value of the principal sum mentioned in such bill, and costs of protest, together with legal interest upon the value of the principal sum therein mentioned from the time of protest, until the principal and damages are paid and satisfied.

2. If any endorser of such bill shall pay to the owner or holder of such bill the value of the principal, and the damages and interest aforesaid, he shall have the right to recover the sum paid with legal interest upon the same, from the drawer or any other person, corporation or company liable to such endorser, upon such bill of exchange.

3. All inland bills of exchange or orders drawn by a citizen, company or corporation of any other State, District or Territory, or any person therein residing, or being, on any person, company or corporation of this State, or any person therein residing or being, shall be liable to official protest by a Notary Public, or by the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, who is hereby vested with power to make such protest under his seal of office, and the clerk shall receive therefor, from the person requiring the same, the sum of one dollar.

4. The owner or holder of any bill of exchange drawn in this State upon any person, company or corporation in any other State, District or Territory of the United States, and protested