

neither of the parties shall be allowed in the costs of suit for more than three witnesses. C H A P. XII.

X. **And be it enacted,** That in all cases where witnesses do not attend according to summons, the justice before whom such witness ought to have attended, shall and may enforce obedience to his process by attachment of contempt, and shall and is hereby required to make return of such contempt to the justices of the next county court, who are hereby authorized and required to take cognizance thereof, and shall and may, at their discretion, fine the offender any sum not exceeding twenty shillings common money for every such offence, to be applied towards defraying the charge of such county. Penalty on witnesses not attending.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That the justices of the several county courts within this state, shall not hold plea in the said courts of any debt or damage which shall not exceed three pounds sterling, five pounds common money, or eight hundred pounds of tobacco, any law, usage or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding. Justices not to hold plea of small debts in county courts.

XII. **Provided always,** That this act shall be deemed, construed and understood, to extend only to debts, or sums of money or tobacco due on contract, and not to actions of replevin, detinue, trover and conversion, or slander, or to actions of trespass, or for assault and battery, or imprisonment, or to such actions where the title or boundaries of land shall or may come in question. Proviso.

XIII. **And be it enacted,** That an act of assembly, made at a session of assembly held at the city of Annapolis on the fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, entitled, An act for the speedy recovery of small debts out of court, before one justice of the peace, and the act or acts continuing the same, be and are hereby abrogated, repealed and made void. Former acts repealed.

XIV. This act to continue three years, and unto the end of the next session of assembly which shall happen after the expiration of the said three years. Continuance.

Continued by the act of October, 1780, ch. 12, for one year, &c. by the act of November, 1781, ch. 7, for three years, &c. and by the act of November, 1784, ch. 83, for seven years, &c.

C H A P. XIII.

An ACT for the special appointment of inspectors.

And to direct that some one of the justices of each county, at the request of any inspector, shall attend at the inspection-house, some day in July next, and there see that the weights are adjusted by the standard-keeper.

C H A P. XIV.

A Supplement to the acts for assessment of property.

C H A P. XV.

An ACT for the relief of Jean Collineau, of Marseilles, in the kingdom of France. *PR.*

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT relating to the treasurers.

The supervisors of the last emission of bills of credit are directed to deliver to the treasurer of the western shore, the sum of 64,444 $\frac{2}{3}$ dollars, out of the sum of 101,111 $\frac{1}{3}$ remaining in their hands of the sum directed by a resolve of the convention, passed on the 14th day of August, 1776, to be delivered to the treasurer of the eastern shore.

C H A P. XVII.

An ACT to regulate the militia.

This act was to continue in force only one year. After a number of continuances it expired at the session of 1785.

C H A P. XVIII.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts.

C H A P. XIX.

An ACT to direct the recording of a deed to William Smith. *PR.*