

CAP. 89.

CHAPTER 89.

Passed Feb. 23, 1855 *An act to regulate the proceedings of Foreign Corporations within this State.*

Insuring or con-
tracting business
in this State,
construed as ex-
ercising franchi-
ses

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any Insurance Company not chartered by the laws of this state, which shall effect, or shall have effected insurance upon any property real or personal, or upon life or lives, within this state, and any corporation, not chartered by the laws of this state, which shall transact or shall have transacted business within this state, shall be deemed to hold and exercise franchises within this state.

And liable to suit

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That where any Insurance company or other corporation, as aforesaid, shall hold and exercise, or shall have held and exercised franchises, as aforesaid, within this State, such Insurance company or other corporations, shall be liable to suit within this State, in the courts of this State upon contracts of insurance on property or lives within this State, or on any dealing or transaction in this State.

Service of process

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That when any suit shall be instituted against such Insurance company, or other corporations so chartered as aforesaid, that service of the writ issued in such cause upon the President or any Directors of such company, or upon any agent of such company or corporation, shall be deemed sufficient service upon such company or corporation; and if the company or corporation shall fail to appear at the first term after such service as aforesaid, judgment shall on proof to the satisfaction of the court of the agency aforesaid, be rendered by default, against said company or corporation, for the amount of the plaintiffs claim, to be proved to and ascertained by a jury upon inquiry by it executed at bar as in cases of ascertainment of damages by jury or judgments by default.

Judgment by de-
fault

Case of revoking
Agent, &c.,

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That if any such company or corporation, shall after any liability shall occur or shall have occurred within this state, withdraw its agents from this State, or shall revoke the authority of any agent and shall not appoint another agent within this State, and no President or Director of said company or corporation can be found within this state, upon whom to serve any writ or process, that service of any writ or process issued as aforesaid, upon the person last the agent of such company or