

deliver or cause to be delivered to such person or persons chargeable with the same, or left at their houses at least thirty days previous to serving or levying such execution, an account of the sum demanded of him her or them, which shall contain the specific items charged, with an affidavit annexed thereto, that he hath not, nor hath any other person or persons acting under him, whilst sheriff, nor since, received any part thereof or satisfaction for the same, to the best of his knowledge and belief: *Provided*, that if any person against whom there is a claim by said Ward, aforesaid, shall make affidavit before any justice of the peace of said county, that he or she believes the same to be unjust, or that the same had been paid at any previous time, it shall forever bar such claim: *and provided*, that nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the estate of any deceased person.

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CHAPTER 180.

*An act for the benefit of Persons hiring or Renting Stoves.* Passed Mar 19, 1835

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any stove or stoves that now are or may hereafter be rented or hired to any person or persons within this State, shall be and are hereby exempt (in the hands of the person or persons so hiring or renting the same,) from all executions for debt or public taxes, and from all distress for rent due, or that may become due from the person or persons so hiring or renting such stove or stoves, provided the contract for renting or hiring such stove or stoves shall be in writing, signed by the parties to the contract, and acknowledged before one justice of the peace within the district wherein the parties reside, and the said justice of the peace before whom the said acknowledgement hath been made, is hereby required to enter upon his docket, that the said A and B appeared before him and duly acknowledged an agreement, setting forth that A had rented or hired a stove or stoves, as the case may be, to B, for a certain time therein named; witness my hand, this day of eighteen hundred and

Exempt from execution

Contract in writing

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said justice, for taking the said acknowledgment and docketing the same, shall receive twelve and a half cents.

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