

CHAP. 77. magistrates' courts in the several counties in this State, and to prescribe the jurisdiction, passed December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter two hundred and one, and the several supplements thereto, so far as the same relates to Allegany county, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Single justices to have jurisdiction, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That after the first day of May next, a single justice of the peace in Allegany county, shall hold and have original jurisdiction in all cases over which they now have jurisdiction, when the debt or damages laid or claimed do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars; and that in all cases heard, adjudged and determined before any single justice of the peace, when the debt or damages adjudged and determined to be due exceed the sum of fifty dollars, the said justices are hereby authorised and empowered to charge double the fees now allowed by law to a single justice of the peace in like cases under fifty dollars; and that each party shall have and exercise the same right of appeal to the county court, and in the same manner as is now allowed from the judgments of single justices of the peace.

In certain cases to charge double fees

Right of appeal

Jurisdiction in cases of assault and battery

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That a single justice of the peace shall have jurisdiction in all cases of assault and battery, when the damages laid or claimed do not exceed the sum of twenty dollars; and that in all cases when a warrant is demanded of a justice of the peace in civil cases of assault and battery, he shall require the party demanding the warrant to state the amount of damages claimed, and insert the amount in his warrant before issuing the same.

Constables bonds made valid

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That all constables' bonds hereafter to be taken in said county, shall be taken in the penal sum of two thousand dollars; and all constables' bonds taken in pursuance of the act, passed December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter two hundred and one, entitled an act to establish magistrates' courts in the several counties of this State, and to prescribe their jurisdiction, are hereby made good and valid.

Docket to be delivered, &c

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That it is hereby made the duty of the respective chief justices of the magistrates' courts in and for Allegany county, to deliver to the clerk of said county the docket or dockets kept by them within thirty days after this act shall go into operation.

To publish, &c

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of Allegany county, to publish in the