

justice to certify the same under his hand and seal on the return to be made by the commissioners as aforesaid. Dec. Ses. 1821.

CHAPTER 249.

An act relating to Justices of the Peace in the City of Baltimore.

Passed Feb. 19, 1822
36 justices to be appointed.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED By the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, the governor and council shall be and they are hereby authorised and directed, to appoint and commission thirty six justices of the peace in and for the city of Baltimore, to be styled in their commission, Justices of the peace in and for the city of Baltimore.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justices so appointed shall be governed by (except as is herein otherwise provided) all the laws of this state relating to other justices of the peace of this state.

Government.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no justice of the peace appointed by virtue of this act, shall issue a warrant for debt, except on the application of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in person, or of his, her or their agent or attorney thereunto authorised, other than a constable.

Warrants.

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no justice of the peace appointed by virtue of this act, shall issue any execution, on any judgment rendered by any such justice, except on the application of the plaintiff or plaintiffs in person, or of his, her or their agent or attorney thereunto authorised, other than a constable.

Plaintiff to order executions.

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person residing in Baltimore county without the limits of the city, shall be liable to be arrested for debt on a warrant or other process from a justice of the peace within the city of Baltimore, except in cases of debts contracted within said city. And that no person residing within the limits of the city shall be liable to be arrested for debt on warrant or other process from a justice of the peace of Baltimore county, except in cases of debts contracted within said county.

Citizens of county & city respectively not to be arrested.

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no justice of the peace except those who are appointed by virtue of this act, shall in any way exercise the functions of his office within the limits of the city aforesaid, except in the preservation of the peace, and in matters of a criminal nature; and that no justice of the peace appointed by virtue of this act shall in any way exercise the functions of his office out of the limits of the said city, except in the preservation of the peace and in matters of a criminal nature; Provided, That all acknowledgments of deeds or other instruments of writing taken before the justices of the peace appointed by virtue of this act, shall have the same effect and validity as they now have when taken before the justices of the peace of Baltimore county; and provided also, That such acknowledgments when hereafter taken before the justices of the peace of Baltimore county, shall have the same effect and validity as heretofore.

Authority limited.

Proviso.

7. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all laws repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

CHAPTER 250.

A further supplement to the act entitled, An act relating to Insolvent Debtors in the City and County of Baltimore.

Passed Feb. 23 1822.
Petitioners not appearing.

Sec. 1. BE IT ENACTED By the General Assembly of Maryland, That