

Dec Ses 1824 into effect the provisions of this act shall be levied and paid in the same manner as other county charges.

Repeal. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any thing in the original act to which this is a supplement, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 138.

Passed Feb. 22, 1825. A further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act for the recovery of small debts out of court, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned.

Justices of the peace try cases of trespass. SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of May next, in all cases where any injury shall be done to any real property within this state, for which an action of trespass, *quare clausum fregit*, might be maintained under the existing laws of the state, and where the damages claimed or laid shall not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, it shall and may be lawful for any one justice of the peace of the county where the trespass shall be committed, or where the trespasser may reside, to try, hear and determine the matter in controversy between the parties, and to give judgment against the trespasser for such damages, (not exceeding fifty dollars,) as to the said justice may appear reasonable and just.

Proceedings. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several justices of the peace of this state in the administration of this law shall in all respects, and for all purposes whatever possess the same powers, and adopt the same mode of proceeding that are given and prescribed by the original act to which this is a supplement, and the several supplements thereto, in cases depending before the said justices for the recovery of small debts.

Appeals allowed. 3. *And be it enacted*, That any person who may think himself or herself aggrieved by any judgment rendered under the provisions of this act, shall have the same benefit and liberty of appeal, and upon the same terms and conditions, as is allowed in cases of debts of a similar amount.

Supersede. 4. *And be it enacted*, That judgments rendered under this act, may be superseded in the same manner as other judgments rendered by a justice of the peace may be superseded.

County courts prohibited. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the judges of the several county courts within this state, shall not hold plea in the said courts of any case within the jurisdiction given to justices of the peace by this act.

Plea allowed. 6. *And be it enacted*, That if any person against whom a complaint is made under this act before a justice of the peace, shall appear on the return day of the warrant, and allege that he is entitled to the property on which the trespass is charged to have been committed, or that he acted under a person (named by him) claiming title to the same, and shall verify an allegation by oath or affirmation, the justice before whom the complaint aforesaid may be made, shall take no further cognizance of the same.

CHAPTER 139.

Passed Feb. 24, 1825. An act to provide for the prompt settlement of public accounts and collection of the public revenue.

Agents duties. SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be the duty of the state agents for the eastern and wes-