

C H A P. LXI. *trate of Prince-George's or Montgomery counties, or aldermen of the corporation of George-town, as the case may require, one half to the informer or person who will sue for or prosecute to effect for the same, the other half to the use of this state.*

Penalty on fishing weirs, &c. IV. *And be it enacted, That any person or persons who shall fish any such weir or hedge already erected, or which shall hereafter be erected, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of five pounds current money, to be recovered and applied as herein before directed.*

## C H A P. LXII.

Passed December 23.

An ACT to authorise and empower the chief justice, or associate justices, of any county court, to call a court before the time to which the same stands adjourned.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS several of the county courts within this state stand adjourned until the day of the courts in course: And whereas by law the justices of the said courts are required to take bonds, with security, from the sheriffs of their respective counties annually, which, in cases where the same has been neglected, cannot now be done without the interposition of the legislature, and it is right and proper that bonds should be given by the said sheriffs;

Chief justice, &amp;c. may call a court, &amp;c.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the chief justice of any county court, or the associate justices, be and they are hereby authorised and empowered, on or before the fourth Monday in December next, to call a court before the time to which the county court stands adjourned, and that he or they, as the case may be, shall and may take bond, with such security as he or they may approve, of the sheriff, in the manner required by law; and the proceedings of the said chief justice, or associate justices, shall be good and valid in law, to all intents and purposes, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

## C H A P. LXIII.

Passed December 23.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts.

Preamble.

**W**HEREAS by the act, entitled, An act respecting the equity jurisdiction of the county courts, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-one, it is provided, that the said act shall not be construed so as to give any county court an original equity jurisdiction for the purpose of compelling a specific performance of any agreement;

Provision repealed.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the said provision be and the same is hereby repealed.*

In certain cases justices to have a jurisdiction, &amp;c.

III. *And be it enacted, That in all cases of bond, or other agreement, for the conveyance of land, or of any other contract or agreement whatsoever, where the land, or other matter or thing, in dispute, shall not exceed the value of one hundred pounds current money, or ten thousand pounds of tobacco, the justices of the several county courts of this state respectively may and shall have and exercise, and they are hereby invested with, an original equity jurisdiction for the purpose of compelling a specific performance of such contract or agreement, as full and ample, in all respects, as the court of chancery of this state doth or may possess or exercise in such cases, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.*

Proviso.

IV. *Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall extend, or be construed to extend, so as to limit, abridge or restrain, the jurisdiction of the chancery court of this state in any manner or respect whatever.*

Proviso.

V. *And provided also, and be it enacted, That all and every person or persons who shall or may think themselves aggrieved by the decree of any county court in any case of which such county court may have an equity jurisdiction by virtue of this act, shall be at liberty, in all cases where the land, or other matter*