

CIRCUIT COURT.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 17, sec. 81. 1892, ch. 260. 1912 Code, sec. 131.

194. There shall be two regular terms of the Circuit Courts for the several counties of Prince George's, Calvert, St. Mary's and Charles, composing the Seventh Judicial Circuit of this State, to which jurors shall be summoned, and said terms shall be held at the following times; for Prince George's county, at Upper Marlboro, on the first Monday of April and October in each year; for Calvert county, at Prince Frederick, on the first Monday of May and the Wednesday next after the first Monday in November in each year; for St. Mary's county, at Leonardtown, on the third Monday of March and September in each year, and for Charles county, at La Plata on the third Monday of May and November in each year.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 17, sec. 82. 1912 Code, sec. 132.

195. There shall be two other and intermediate terms of each of said Courts, to which jurors shall not be summoned, to be held at the several places mentioned, and at the following times; for Prince George's county, on the third Monday of January and June; for Calvert county, on the first Monday of July and February; for St. Mary's county, on the first Monday of June and December, and for Charles county, on the third Monday of February and July of each year.

1910, ch. 513, sec. 83. 1912 Code, sec. 133.

196. The judges of the Circuit Courts for said counties may, in their discretion, appoint intermediate terms for the transaction of equity or other business not requiring a jury, to which terms process may be also be made returnable.

Townshend v. Chew, 31 Md. 247; *Down's case*, 78 Md. 128.

SPEEDY JUDGMENT ACT.

1904, ch. 345, sec. 1. 1912 Code, sec. 134. 1916, ch. 513.

197. In any action hereafter brought in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County arising ex contractu, if the plaintiff or his agent shall file at the time of bringing his action an affidavit setting out distinctly his cause of action and the sum he claims to be due, exclusive of all set-offs and just grounds of defense, and shall serve the defendant with copies of his declaration and of said affidavit, he shall be entitled to a judgment for the amount so claimed, with interest and costs, forty days after such service unless the defendant shall file a plea which if in bar is accompanied by an affidavit of defense denying the right of the plaintiff as to the whole or some specified part of his claim specially stating also, in precise and distinct terms, the ground of his defense, which must be such, as would, if true, be sufficient to defeat the plaintiff's claim in whole or in part; and where the defendant shall have acknowledged in his affidavit of defense his liability for a part of the plaintiff's claim as aforesaid, the plaintiff, if he so elect may have judgment entered in his favor for the amount so