Payment authorized.

arrear, without the levying of a distress therefor, and the administrator or executor of any deceased person is authorized to pay and discharge such claim for rent in arrear, provided the orphans court of the county shall be satisfied of the justice of said claim, and that a distress therefor might be levied on said deceased's goods and chattels, in the hands of such administrator or executor; And provided also, that nothing in this act con-

Right to distrain reserved.

Proviso.

tained shall be construed to divest or in any manner impair the right of any person having a claim for rent in arrear against a deceased person, to pursue his remedy therefor by distress in the cases and in the manner now allowed by law.

O. court first to be satisfied.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the orphans court before passing or allowing any such claim in the settlement of the accounts of an administrator or executor, shall be satisfied, on proof of that correctness of the claim, and that a distress could be levied and maintained therefor, but nothing in this act contained shall be construed to compel an administrator or executor, to pay any such claim, although passed by the orphans court, if he shall think proper to dispute said claim.

Executor may contest

CHAPTER 204.

*1835, ch. A further Supplement to an Act, * entitled, an Act to establish Magistrates' 201. Courts in the several Counties of this State, and to prescribe their Jurisdiction.

Constable's information of assault and battery, &c.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, duty to give That it shall be the duty of all constables in the several counties of this state to give information, under oath to be administered by the presiding justice, of all assaults and batteries, and breaches of the peace of any sort which shall hereafter come to their knowledge by any means whatsoever, to the several magistrates' courts, at their regular sessions of the district or districts in which said assaults and batteries, and breaches of the peace shall occur, and in which the said sheriff, deputy sheriffs and constables shall reside.

Penalty for neglect.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That in case any constable shall fail to give information as aforesaid, the court when satisfied of the possession of such information by any such constable, shall impose a fine upon the same of not less than one dollar, nor more than five, at the discretion of the court.

CHAPTER 219.

An Act to repeal the second section of an Act, entitled, a Supplement to an Act, entitled, an Act, concerning the amendment of Judicial Proceedings, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirtythree, chapter two hundred and seventy-six.

Repeal.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the second section of an act, entitled a supplement to an act,