

Option
allowed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons from whom any money is withheld by a constable, or in whose case a default has been entered against a constable, shall have it in their option either to pursue the course laid down by this act, or to avail themselves of the remedies already existing.

Certificate
of bonds
sufficient.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That a certificate from the clerk of the county, stating who are securities for a constable, and the time when they became such, shall be sufficient evidence of the fact and it shall not be necessary to produce a full copy of the bond.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all former acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with, or repugnant to the provisions of this act, be and they are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 199.

*1805, ch.
80.

A SUPPLEMENT to the ACT,* entitled, an Act to prevent free Negroes from selling any Corn, Wheat or Tobacco without having a license for that purpose, from a Justice of the Peace.

See notes to the original law, ante page 510; 1826, ch. 240; and 1831, ch. 323.

Penalty for
purchasing
tobacco
without
certificate.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of May next, it shall not be lawful for any person to purchase of any free negro or mulatto, any quantity of tobacco in transfer or parcels, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by indictment in the county court of the county where such person purchasing the same may reside, one-half shall go to the informer, and the other half to the county, unless the free negro or mulatto, selling the same shall, at the time of offering the said tobacco for sale, produce a certificate from a justice of the peace of the county, certifying the quantity and quality thereof.

Justice of
peace in-
structed.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no justice of the peace shall give any certificate to any free negro or mulatto, unless the said free negro or mulatto, (as the case may be,) shall prove by one or more respectable citizens of the neighbourhood where he, she, or they may reside, that the tobacco was made by such free negro or mulatto, or honestly acquired.

Fee for
certificate.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the justices of the peace, granting such certificates to charge and receive for the same, the sum of twenty-five cents.

CHAPTER 203.

AN ACT concerning Mortgages and other Deeds.

For those relating to Baltimore city and county, see 1826, ch. 192, 2d volume, title, Baltimore county.

Deed first
recorded to
have prefer-
ence, &c.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That in case of several deeds or conveyances for the same lands, tenements or hereditaments or chattels, situate, lying