

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 19, sec. 23. 1868, ch. 439.

41. 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 St. Mary's county, on the first Monday of June and December; for Calvert county, on the first Monday of July and February; for Prince George's county, on the third Monday of January and June, and for Charles county, on the third Monday of February and July in each year.

SPEEDY JUDGMENT ACT.

1924, ch. 384.

42. In any action hereafter brought in the Circuit Court of St. Mary'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 cost, 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 confessed to be due. Any Judge of the Circuit Court is hereby authorized, either in vacation or term time to enter judgment under this section where no affidavit of defense is filed and to hear motion for judgment and to enter judgment thereon where insufficient affidavits are filed.

Notice shall be given at the bottom of the declaration and in the summons in such cases where the plaintiff intends to claim the benefits of this section.

CLERK.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 19, sec. 24. 1882, ch. 152.

43. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the circuit court to enter in general indices all conveyances hereafter recorded, for which service he shall be allowed the same compensation as is allowed for similar services, to be paid for by the grantee in the conveyance as other costs are paid.

CRIER.

1894, ch. 567. 1898, ch. 352, sec. 2.

44. The crier of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County, in addition to the duties now imposed by law, shall have the care and custody of