

Parties may agree that the Magistrate shall try any matter not over £200.

Proceedings in such case.

Punishment of persons insulting the Magistrate, or any Officer, &c.

Punishment for assaulting any Officer, resisting process, &c.

XLIX. If parties between whom differences have arisen shall agree by a memorandum signed by them to refer their causes of action, claims and demands to the Stipendiary Magistrate of a temporary Judicial District, and that such Stipendiary Magistrate shall try and determine the same, the said Stipendiary Magistrate shall have power and jurisdiction so to do, provided the subject, matter or difference shall be upon a cause or upon causes of action not exceeding two hundred pounds in amount, and shall not be within the subjects excepted from the jurisdiction of the said Division Courts, and shall be so stated in the said memorandum; and such memorandum shall be executed in duplicate, and when filed with the said Stipendiary Magistrate and with the Clerk of some one of the said Division Courts, shall confer on the said Court jurisdiction, power and authority to hear and determine matters so referred; and upon such memorandum being filed the plaintiff may enter his claim for suit in such said Division Court, and sue out a summons thereupon as in ordinary cases, and the proceedings in the said suit may be conducted and continued to judgment and execution (irrespective of the amount recovered, so that it do not exceed two hundred pounds) in the same manner as other suits in the said Court may be conducted and continued under the provisions of this Act, and the judgment in any such suit shall have the same effect as any other judgment of the Court.

L. If any person shall wilfully insult the Stipendiary Magistrate or any officer of any Division Court, during his sitting or attendance in Court, or shall wilfully interrupt the proceedings of such Court, it shall be lawful for any Bailiff or Officer of the Court, with or without the assistance of any other person, by order of the Stipendiary Magistrate, to take such offender into custody, and the Stipendiary Magistrate may impose upon any such offender a fine not exceeding the sum of five pounds, and in default of immediate payment thereof, it shall be lawful for the said Stipendiary Magistrate, by warrant under his hand and seal in the form in Schedule marked D., to cause such fine to be levied by distress and sale of the goods of the offender, together with the reasonable charges of such distress and sale, or to commit the offender to the Gaol of the Temporary Judicial District for any period not exceeding one calendar month.

LI. If any Officer or Bailiff of any Court holden under this Act, shall be assaulted while in the execution of his duty, or if any rescue shall be made or attempted to be made, of any goods and chattels or other property seized under a process of the Court, the person so offending shall be liable to a fine not exceeding five pounds, to be recovered by order of the Stipendiary Magistrate; and it shall be lawful for the Bailiff of the Court, or any Peace Officer in any such case, to take the offender into custody, (with or without warrant,) and bring him before such Stipendiary Magistrate accordingly.