

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, shall be construed to extend to the city of Baltimore, or to any private house-keeper, or individual or individuals in this state, not in trade or pursuing some kind of merchandise as a business; *Provided*, that the mayor and city council shall pass such ordinances as will make the standard of weights and measures, the same in the city of Baltimore, as in the rest of the state.

Baltimore exempt.

Proviso.

## CHAPTER 207.

AN ACT to pay the Civil List and other expenses of Civil Government.  
Merged in 1828, ch. 197.

## CHAPTER 208.

AN ACT to regulate the proceedings upon Suits now or hereafter to be brought on the bonds of the Clerks of the several County Courts, Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Register in Chancery, and Registers of Wills in the several Counties in this State.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be necessary for the state in any suit now or hereafter to be brought upon any bond given by any of the clerks of the county courts in this state, or by the clerk of the court of appeals, register in chancery, or register of wills, in reply to the plea of performance, to set out at large in its replication the breaches for which damages are claimed; but may reply generally that the obligor or obligors hath, or have not performed the conditions of his or their bonds, and give the special matter in evidence, upon which issue the jury shall assess such damages as the state, or any person or persons for whose use the said suit may be brought, may have sustained, and upon such verdict, if for the state, judgment shall be entered for the penalty of the bond, to be released on the payment of the damages assessed by the jury, with interest thereon till paid, and costs.

Excused from setting out at large the plea.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That at the trial of any suit now or hereafter instituted upon the bond of any of the clerks of the county courts, clerk of the court of appeals, register in chancery, or register of wills, it shall be the duty of the said officers respectively, when required, to exhibit to the court their dockets, records and fee books, and the measure of damages shall be the sum or sums they have charged for services they have not performed.

Records to be exhibited; damages graduated.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That upon a verdict being found against any of the officers aforesaid, for neglect of duty, it shall be considered a misdemeanor in office; and the court, executive of the state, or legislature, (as the case may be,) shall immediately proceed to appoint a fit and qualified person in his place.

Neglect of duty made a misdemeanor or in office.