

CHAPTER 86.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, section two hundred and twenty-five, of Article sixteen, of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Witnesses."

Repeal. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section two hundred and twenty-five, of Article sixteen, of the Code of Public General Laws, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows, viz:

225. If the court in the exercise of its sound discretion to serve the ends of justice, shall so order on application of a party, or its motion, instead of the mode of taking testimony as provided in the foregoing sections, the witnesses, or any of them shall be examined orally in open court in the presence of the judge or judges thereof, as to all or any of the facts or matters relevant in said cause, and the evidence so taken shall be written down as delivered by the witnesses, by such person and in such manner as the court may direct, and shall be filed in the cause as part of the proceedings thereof to be used as if taken before an examiner; or if the court shall so direct, such evidence shall be reduced to writing by counsel in the same manner as bills of exception now are at common law, and after the same shall have been signed by the judge or judges before whom the testimony was taken, shall be filed in the cause as part of the proceedings thereof to be used as if taken before an examiner.

May examine orally.

Effective. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 11, 1890.

CHAPTER 87.

AN ACT to pay the expenses of the commission called "The State prison removal commission," appointed by the governor of the State as directed by resolution number five, passed at the January session, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, of the General Assembly of Maryland.

To pay. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the comptroller of the treasury of Maryland be and he is hereby directed to issue his warrant upon the treasurer of the State to pay Wilbur F. Jackson, Jackson C. Gott, Charles S. Adams and Robert F. Brattan the sum of four hundred and ninety-five dollars, the amount actually expended by them for