

Conduct of those officers to be deemed directory. Corporations not liable to suit or penalty, but for acts done after service of such notice. Sheriff, clerk, &c. debarred plea. Or their securities.

to the conduct of clerks, sheriffs, coroners or other officers, are all hereby declared to be directory; *Provided nevertheless*, that no corporation shall be subjected to any suit, action, penalty, forfeiture, loss, injury or inconvenience, by force or pretence of this act, but in respect of some act, neglect or omission, done, committed, suffered or permitted after such corporation shall have received a notice of seizure in writing, equivalent in substance to that herein before directed; *And provided also*, that no clerk, sheriff or coroner, or officer aforesaid, shall defend themselves against any suit or action, by reason of any thing in this section contained, where the plaintiff shall have sustained any damage by any omission, neglect or error, of such clerk, sheriff or coroner, or officer aforesaid, nor shall the securities of any clerk, sheriff or coroner, or officer aforesaid, in any action against them, or any of them, in the bond of such clerk, sheriff or coroner, or officer aforesaid, have any benefit of any thing in this section contained, which the said clerk, sheriff, coroner or other officer, ought not have had.

Compensation—fees.

SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That all clerks, sheriffs and coroners, or other officers aforesaid, shall be entitled to the same fees for services rendered under this act, as for similar services in other cases, and every sheriff or coroner, who shall make any transfer of any stock or debt as aforesaid, which hath not been sold by him, in pursuance of any order of any court, grounded on the eighth section of this act, shall be entitled to the sum of one dollar for his trouble, to be paid by the person to whom he makes such transfer, and recovered over against the sheriff or coroner, or other officer aforesaid, who ought to have made the same.

CHAPTER 309.

AN ACT supplemental to an Act, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, entitled, an Act to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act to abolish Imprisonment for Debt on certain Judgments rendered by Justices of the Peace, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty, chapter one hundred and fifty-five.

Construction given.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That nothing contained in the act, to which this is a supplement, shall be construed to extend to judgments obtained before the twentieth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-three.

CHAPTER 314.

AN ACT to repeal an Act, entitled, an Act making Appropriations for the benefit of the American Colonization Society, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter one hundred and seventy-two.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, by an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, chapter one hundred and seventy-two,