

## CHAPTER 24.

AN ACT to ascertain Officers' Fees in special courts.

Allowance  
to judges,  
&c.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there shall be allowed to each judge of any special court of oyer and terminer and jail delivery, twenty shillings specie per day for his attendance in court, besides the like allowance, if he lives out of the county in which such court shall be held, for each day's itinerant charges in going to and returning from such court; and that all ministerial officers, belonging to or attending such court, shall be entitled to the same fees as are or may be chargeable by law for the like services performed at the same time in the general court.

Continued to October, 1805; then to 1808; and since continued in the annual continuance acts.

## CHAPTER 37.

AN ACT to dispose of certain confiscated British and forfeited property.  
See note to 1780, ch. 45.

## NOVEMBER, 1781.—CHAPTER 11.

AN ACT relating to Costs in criminal cases.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is unjust and oppressive that any person, who may be prosecuted for any crime of which he is not guilty, should be burthened with the costs and charges accruing on the prosecution;

Persons not  
to pay fees,  
&c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no person who may be prosecuted for any misdemeanor or offence, and discharged by the court on submission, or fined not exceeding one shilling current money, or prosecuted for any crime and acquitted on trial by a jury, shall be burthened with the payment of any costs or fees accruing on such prosecution, but all such costs and fees, with the legal costs of the party accused, shall, in cases tried in the county courts, be charged to the county where such trial is had, and taxed and collected as part of the county charge; and such costs and fees on trial in the general court, shall be charged to the state, and paid as other public charges; and no person taken upon any warrant, or *capias* on presentment, where no bill of indictment is found in consequence thereof, shall be liable to pay or give security for any costs on account of such warrant, presentment or *capias*, but the same shall be charged to and paid by the county, or the public, as aforesaid.

Continued to 1779; then to October, 1805; then in the annual continuances.