

ledged as  
heretofore.

acknowledgment and recording of deeds, according to provisions of the law now in force.

Clerks of  
the court of  
appeals  
may record  
all deeds,  
&c.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the clerks of the court of appeals be and they are hereby directed and authorized to record all deeds of conveyance, or extracts of deeds, required by law to be recorded, in the same manner that the late clerks of the general court might or could have done, and that they receive the same fees therefor as are charged and received by the clerks of the county courts of this state for the like services.

See 1826, ch. 247.

Papers  
assenting to  
the issuing  
commissions  
to be  
retained in  
the clerk's  
office.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the clerk to retain, file and preserve, in his office, all such written papers purporting to be the assent of grantors or femes covert to the issuing of commissions as directed by this act.

#### CHAPTER 164.

\* 1796, ch. 67. A further additional SUPPLEMENT to an ACT,\* entitled, an Act relating to Negroes.

See note to the original law, ante page 334.

Preamble.

WHEREAS doubts have arisen as to the true meaning of the second and fifth sections of a law passed at November session, eighteen hundred and five,† entitled, an additional supplement to an act, entitled, an act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned; therefore,

\* Chap. 66.

No negro  
to receive a  
certificate  
of freedom  
except from  
clerk or  
register of  
county  
where deed  
of manu-  
mission is  
recorded.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That no negro or negroes shall receive a certificate of freedom in conformity to the provisions of the law to which this is a supplement, except from the clerk or register of the county where said deed of manumission, or will, or a copy of the will, under which said negro or negroes claims or claim his, her or their freedom, is recorded.

#### CHAPTER 165.

AN ACT to punish Crimes, Offences and Misdemeanors, committed on the Waters of the Chesapeake Bay, within the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Maryland, and for other purposes.

SEC. 1. Re-enacted in 1809, ch. 136, sec. 19.

Prosecu-  
tions insti-  
tuted under  
this act  
may be re-  
moved into  
adjoining  
county.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That any prosecutions hereafter to be instituted, under and by virtue of this law, may be removed after the indictment being found, the person or persons against whom the said indictment shall be found, suggesting, in writing, supported by affidavit or other proper evidence, that a fair and impartial trial cannot be had in such court where such indictment is found, that then it shall be lawful for the said court, in their discretion, to order and direct the record of the proceedings in the said prosecution to be transmitted to the judges of the next adjoining county court, before whom the same shall