

such register of wills may ask, demand and receive, such fee for recording the same, as is allowed by law in other cases of a similar nature.

CHAPTER 169.

AN ACT concerning Costs in Criminal Prosecutions.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for every warrant of a criminal nature issued by any justice of the peace, and served by any constable, the constable so serving the same, and producing the person against whom the warrant issued, shall be entitled to receive thirty-three cents current money for his services. Constable's costs for serving warrants.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases aforesaid which shall come before the county courts, or the criminal court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, for trial and decision, the clerks of the several courts aforesaid shall, if the traverser or person presented be found guilty, and there has been in the first instance a warrant served upon the said traverser or party presented, tax against the traverser aforesaid the constable's costs for serving the said warrant. Clerk to tax said costs against traverser, if found guilty.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in all cases aforesaid which shall come before any of the courts aforesaid for trial and decision, the clerks of the said courts shall, where the person or persons presented and tried are acquitted, if there have been a warrant served against the said person or persons by a constable, tax the said constable's costs for service aforesaid against the state. And against the state, if traverser be acquitted.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the levy courts in the several counties of this state shall levy, in all such cases last aforesaid described, upon the assessable property in the county, the costs taxed by the clerk against the state for the service aforesaid. Costs taxed against state to be levied on the county.

CHAPTER 171.

AN ACT to ascertain and declare the condition of such issue as may hereafter be born of Negro and Mulatto Female Slaves, during their servitude for years, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS, by the laws of this state slaves may be liberated from servitude, either by last will and testament, or by deed of manumission: And whereas, in virtue of the same, negro or mulatto female slaves may hereafter be declared free after certain years of service, or at some specified age, or upon the performance of some condition: And whereas, during such years of service, or before the age specified for liberation, or before the performance of the condition may arrive, issue of their body may be born: And whereas the state and condition of such Preamble.