

## CHAPTER 181.

AN ACT relative to the Judges of the Court of Appeals, and of the County Courts.

**Preamble.** WHEREAS the speedy administration of justice is highly conducive to the prosperity, and is essentially promotive to the best interests of the good people of this state, and for the attainment of this most desirable object it is requisite that all judges should be punctual and regular in the discharge of their important official duties; to the end therefore that this general assembly may be enabled to form a correct opinion of the conduct of the judges in this respect, and to meet the responsibility which attaches to them as the grand inquest of this state.

Clerks to report annually to the legislature the duration of every term, &c.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the clerk of the court of appeals for the western and eastern shore respectively, and the clerks of the several county courts, be and they are hereby required and directed to report, annually, to the general assembly, on or before the first Monday in December, the duration of every term or session of their several courts, and the number of days that the judge or judges of such court shall respectively attend for the performance of his or their official duties.

Penalty for neglect.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if the clerk of any of the courts herein mentioned shall fail to comply with the direction of this act in making his annual report as aforesaid to the general assembly, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recoverable and applied as other fines and forfeitures are.

Allowance to clerks.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That as a compensation for the performance of the service required by the provisions of this act, the clerk of each court as aforesaid shall receive five dollars, an allowance for which shall be made by the committee of claims on the journal of accounts.

## CHAPTER 200.

AN ACT authorizing appropriations for the Penitentiary of this State.  
Repealed by 1837, ch. 320.

## NOVEMBER, 1810.—CHAPTER 15.

AN ACT relating to Servants and Slaves.

See notes to 1796, ch. 67. See 1804, ch. 90; 1817, ch. 112; 1831, ch. 281, 323; 1832, ch. 145; 1833, ch. 224.

Deeds executed for manumission of slaves, and which have been ac-

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That any deed heretofore executed for the manumission of any slave or slaves, who by law might have been set free or manumitted by deed, and which has been acknowledged and recorded in the manner directed by the act,\* entitled, an act relating to