

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer of the western shore be and he is hereby authorized, to appoint a proper and suitable clerk, to be employed under his direction and responsibility, in the treasury, and to assist the said treasurer in the discharge of his duties, who shall, before he proceeds to act as such, take an oath well and faithfully to execute the duties of his office as clerk to the treasurer of the western shore, which shall be administered by any justice of the peace of Anne Arundel county. May appoint a clerk.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the said clerk shall receive a salary of five hundred dollars per annum, and the treasurer of the western shore is hereby directed to pay the said salary, to the said clerk, in quarterly payments, on the first days of January, April, July and October, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. His salary.

Modified by 1834, ch. 229.

CHAPTER 78.

AN ACT for accelerating and effectuating Proceeding upon Writs of Mandamus, and for facilitating and determining the rights of Offices and Franchises in Corporations.

WHEREAS, divers charters have been granted by the authority of this legislature, and divers persons have taken upon themselves, or may hereafter take upon themselves, to execute offices under the same; and where such offices are annual, it hath been, or may be, found impracticable, by the laws now in force, to bring to trial and determine the right of such persons to such offices, or any matter or thing touching the conduct or agency of such persons within the year; and where such offices are not annual, it hath been, or may be, difficult to try and determine the right of such persons to such offices before they have done divers acts injurious to the interests of individuals, and prejudicial to the state: *And whereas*, divers persons, who had, or may have, a right to such offices, have been, or may be, illegally ousted, or have been or may be refused to be admitted thereto: *And whereas*, the only remedy in such cases may be by writ or writs of mandamus, the proceedings on which are dilatory and expensive; therefore, Preamble.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of May next, where any writ of mandamus shall issue out of any of the courts of this state, such person or persons, who by law is or are required to make return to such writ, shall make his or their return to the first writ of mandamus, any law or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. Writ of mandamus issuing out of any court, return to be made to the first writ.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the first day of May next, as often as in any of the cases aforesaid, or in