

stay of all proceedings until the costs of the former petition, and all reasonable damages and expenses sustained or incurred by the defendant, to be ascertained by the court, shall be paid or secured to be paid.

93. If the said costs, damages and expenses shall not be paid, or secured to be paid, within six months after they shall be ascertained by the court, the petition shall be dismissed.

94. Where any petition for freedom shall be filed by any petitioner who was or shall be in the county or city where the said petition is filed by permission of his owner, and the owner shall not be an actual resident of the county or city where the petition is filed, the court in which such petition is filed shall upon suggestion in writing, supported by competent testimony, that the person thus claiming to be the owner of the petitioner had actually held the said petitioner in bondage, and that the said petitioner was in the county or city where the said petition is filed by the permission of his owner, and that the said owner is not and was not an actual resident of the county or city where and when the said petition was filed, permit the said owner to appear and defend the said suit, and order and direct the record of the proceedings on such petition to be transmitted to the court of the county or city where the said owner resided at the time when the said petition was filed, and the court to which the same is transmitted shall hear and determine the same in like manner as if the petition had been originally filed therein.

ARTICLE LXVII.

Notaries Public.

Sec. 1. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint and commission a competent number of persons of known good character, integrity and abilities, citizens of the United States and who have resided in this State two years previous to their appointment, as notaries public for the State of Maryland, to reside within such place or places within this State as the Governor shall in and by their respective commissions designate; but there shall not be at any time more than