

Additional. hundred and sixty-seven, Chapter three hundred and forty-one, be and the same is hereby amended by adding to Section two of said Act the following words or proviso, exempting mortgages from assessment and valuation, viz :

Tax on mortgages abolished. "Nor shall any tax of any kind be assessed, levied or collected on any mortgages of any kind, or on any mortgage or bill of sale upon any property in this State."

Repealed. Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws heretofore passed in relation to the assessment and valuation of property in this State, so far as they are inconsistent with this Act, are hereby repealed ; and this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

In force.

Approved April 4, 1870.

CHAPTER 395.

AN ACT to regulate the Trial Fees of the State's Attorney for Dorchester County.

Fees of Attorney. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in all criminal cases which may be tried in the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, the Judges of said Court may, in addition to the sum allowed by law as an appearance fee, allow to the State's Attorney for said county such compensation in each case, by way of trial fee, as the said Judges may think just and proper, to be levied by the County Commissioners.

Compensation allowed. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for services rendered by the State's Attorney for Dorchester County, before committing magistrates in preliminary examinations, the Judges of said Circuit Court for Dorchester County may allow to said State's Attorney such compensation not exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for any one year, as the said Judges shall think just and proper ; and for all trials in criminal cases before magistrates, the same fees shall be allowed the said State's Attorney as are now allowed in similar