

or claim, until they have thoroughly examined and scrutinized each and every item contained therein, and are satisfied that they are just and legal.

Usage or custom not allowed to have force and effect of law.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That any usage or custom that may prevail in said county, relating to fees or other items of accounts being charged against said county, by any of the officers aforesaid, or any other person or persons, and allowed and levied for by former Boards of County Commissioners, but which were not expressly authorized by law, shall not be allowed to have or take the force and effect of law, but such usage or custom is hereby disallowed and forbidden; and said County Commissioners, in adjusting said accounts and claims, shall be governed by the rates of fees as fixed and set forth in the fee bill regulating the fees of said officers respectively in article thirty-eight of the Code of Public General Laws; and said County Commissioners shall not be liable to be compelled by mandamus, or any other process issued by any Court, to levy for any object or purpose not expressly provided for by law.

How governed.

Mandamus not allowed.

Not to pay until pre-entiation of bill.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That no person shall be compelled to pay any of said officers fees, until there be presented to him or her a fee bill, signed by the officer to whom the fees are due, expressing the particulars for which such fees are charged, and specifying fully and particularly, without abbreviation, each and every item; and said fee-bill shall not contain a charge for a fee for any service not expressly provided for by law, or a greater fee than is so provided for, nor any charge for a fee for any service not performed at or before the time when such bill of fees is rendered.

Judges not to allow compensatory fees.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That no Judge of the Circuit Court for Harford county, nor any other Judge, shall allow any of the officers aforesaid, or any other person or attorney, under any pretense whatsoever, any fee or fees under the denomination of compensatory fees for any service not specified, limited and appointed by article thirty-eight of the Code of Public General Laws, or by some other law of this State.