

CHAPTER 168.

AN ACT to authorize the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Montgomery county to place certain fees in the hands of the sheriffs of the several counties of this State and the City of Baltimore for collection.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, E. B. Prettyman, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, has failed to place his fees since June term, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, of said court, in the hands of the sheriffs of the several counties of this State and the City of Baltimore for collection; therefore—

To place accounts in hands of sheriffs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all fees due E. B. Prettyman, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, which have accrued since June term, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, of said court, shall be received and collected by the sheriffs of the several counties of this State and of the City of Baltimore, in the same manner as fees due such officers have been heretofore collected; and such sheriffs shall use and have the same means of enforcing payment of and collecting said fees, and be liable to the said E. B. Prettyman, clerk as aforesaid, or their official bonds given at the time such fees are placed in their hands in the manner now provided by the existing laws of this State; provided, nothing in this act shall be so constructed as to prevent the said E. B. Prettyman, clerk as aforesaid, from collecting said fees by warrant, suit or otherwise.

To account for.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That all said fees may be placed in the hands of said sheriffs at any time before the first day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five; and that said sheriffs shall account for and pay over the same within nine months from the time such fees shall be placed in their hands for collection as aforesaid, and on failure to collect and pay over the same within the time required by this act to the said E. B. Prettyman, the official bonds given and approved as aforesaid of such sheriffs, shall be liable to be put in suit at the instance and for the use of the said E. B. Prettyman.