

**CHAP. 164.** fore described, all the powers, rights and privileges, lawfully exercised by, and all property, estate, and effects, vested in the former commissioners of Cecil county, shall be transferred to and vested in the commissioners for Cecil county, elected by virtue of this act, who, or any three of them, shall thereafter exercise all the said powers, rights and privileges, and shall perform all the duties required to be performed by the said former commissioners of said county, after they shall have become qualified as aforesaid.

Clerk.

**Sec. 5.** *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners for Cecil county shall, at their annual meetings, appoint a well qualified, fit and proper person, a resident of said county, to act and serve as clerk to the said commissioners, who shall transact all the business, and discharge all the duties by law authorised and required to be transacted by the clerk of the former commissioners; and the person so appointed shall, before he enters upon the duties of his office, execute a bond to the State of Maryland, to be approved by the said commissioners, in the penalty of one thousand dollars, conditioned for the true and faithful performance of the several and respective duties hereby imposed; which bond shall be recorded in the clerks office, of the county court of said county, and a copy thereof, under the seal of said court, shall be as sufficient evidence as the original; and the said clerk, when appointed, shall also take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, (as the case may be) to wit: "I, A. B. do swear or affirm, that, as clerk to the commissioners of Cecil county, I will honestly and faithfully, to the best of my skill and judgment, execute the duties of said office, without favour, affection, or partiality, so help me God;" which oath or affirmation any one of the said commissioners is hereby authorised to administer; and the said clerk shall be subject to the same penalties and forfeitures, for non-performance or neglect of official duty, as are prescribed by the existing laws of this State, in relation to the clerk of the former commissioners.

Bond.

Oath.

Vacancy of clerkship.

**Sec. 6.** *And be it enacted,* That in case of a vacancy occurring in the office of clerk to the commissioners as created by this act, in consequence of death, resignation, removal or disqualification, the same shall be supplied as soon thereafter as may be practicable, in the manner prescribed and directed by the preceding section of this act.

Clerks compensation.

**Sec. 7.** *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk of the commissioners, to be appointed in virtue of this act as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive as compensation for his services, such sum annually as the said commissioners may direct, not exceeding the sum of three hundred dollars