and in which any question arises under this sub-title, or under or concerning any order or action of the Commission, shall be preferred over all other civil causes except election causes, in all the Courts of the State of Maryland, and shall be heard and determined in preference to all other civil business pending therein, excepting election causes, irrespective of position on the dockets of said Courts. The same preference shall be granted upon application of the General Counsel to the Commission, or his assistant, in any action or proceedings in which the General Counsel or his assistant may be allowed to intervene.

423.

The failure of defendants to avail themselves of this section pointed out in holding that so far as could be judged from the conduct of the defendants, they acquiesced in the order of the commission. Gregg v. Public Service Commission, 121 Md. 1.

425.

See notes to section 439.

426.

See notes to section 439.

427.

See notes to section 439.

428.

An employee of an express company doing business along the line of a railroad may lawfully accept gratuitous passage on the railroad in accordance with the express terms of this section. Held that a demurrer to a declaration for personal injuries to such employee while on a train, should have been overruled. Smith v. Northern Central Ry. Co., 119 Md. 484.

1912, ch. 734.

428A. Any person or persons or any corporation running or using steamboats in the excursion business from the city of Baltimore to any place or places within the State of Maryland shall be permitted to give transportation between said places in exchange for services rendered in advertising said excursion business. This section to apply only during the months of May, June, July and August of each and every year.

435.*

^{*}The act of 1914, chapter 748, repeals certain charter and other statutory rights of the Washington, Potomac and Chesapeake Railway Company in the event of its failure to comply with any order of the public service commission requiring it to render adequate service.