

count or claim doth not exceed the sum of fifty dollars, and shall keep a record of every claim passed by him, in the same manner as of claims passed by the orphans' court.

The registry under this section is an official record—object thereof. *Seighman v. Marshall*, 17 Md. 569.

An. Code, sec. 272. 1904, sec. 269. 1888, sec. 265. 1818, ch. 217, sec. 4. 1831, ch. 315, sec. 1.

281. During the recess of the orphans' court he may take the probate of wills and grant letters testamentary or of administration.

What is meant by the probate of a will, and what is necessary thereto? *Tilghman v. France*, 99 Md. 615.
See secs. 348 and 353.

An. Code, sec. 273. 1904, sec. 270. 1888, sec. 266. 1779, ch. 25, sec. 7. 1826, ch. 247, sec. 9.

282. He shall not demand, take or receive from any person whatsoever any fee, gratuity, gift or reward, for giving his advice in any matter or thing relative to his office, under the penalty of one hundred dollars.

An. Code, sec. 274. 1904, sec. 271. 1888, sec. 267. 1786, ch. 10. 1898, ch. 472.

283. He shall not plead as an attorney in any court in the county where he is register for any person, on any pretense whatsoever; and shall not exact, extort, demand, take, accept or receive from any person whatsoever any fee, gratuity, gift or reward, for giving his advice in any matter or thing that will be transacted in the courts of the county where he is register, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for each offense.

An. Code, sec. 275. 1904, sec. 272. 1888, sec. 268. 1804, ch. 78.

284. In all cases where a register of wills has been appointed auditor for the purpose of ascertaining the sum for which judgment shall be rendered against any executor or administrator, it shall be his duty to act in virtue of such appointment, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every such neglect; and in all cases where a person other than the register of wills hath been appointed as aforesaid, who shall refuse to act, the register of wills shall be appointed auditor in the place of the person refusing, and shall forthwith proceed to discharge the duties thereof, under the penalty above mentioned. And the said register, and every other person who shall act as auditor, shall be allowed for his trouble the same fee as the register is by law entitled to receive for stating an account of the same number of sides which any statement to be made by him as auditor shall contain, to be paid by the plaintiff to such auditor, and to be allowed to such plaintiff in his costs against the executor or administrator as other costs are taxed against them.

An. Code, sec. 276. 1904, sec. 273. 1888, sec. 269. 1853, ch. 444, sec. 1. Const., art. 3, sec. 45.

285. The registers of wills for the several counties, the emoluments of whose office shall exceed the sum of three thousand dollars in any one year, after deducting therefrom the necessary expenses incident to their office for the same period, shall pay the excess to the treasurer; and the