

An. Code, sec. 52. 1904, sec. 51. 1888, sec. 48. 1874, ch. 483, sec. 140.

**56.** The clerks of the circuit courts for the several counties, shall pay to the treasurer one hundred dollars each, when they take the oath of office.

An. Code, sec. 53. 1904, sec. 52. 1888, sec. 49. 1858, ch. 363, sec. 1.

**57.** In the absence of the judges of the court on occasion of sickness at any regular or adjourned term of the court, they shall call over the civil appearance docket, take the returns of the sheriff, and enter the appearance of the defendants when required, either in person or by attorney.

An. Code, sec. 54. 1904, sec. 53. 1888, sec. 50. 1858, ch. 363, sec. 2.

**58.** At any regular or adjourned term of the court, in the absence of the judges, by consent of parties in person or by attorney, they may enter up judgments on the trial, appeal, reference and appearance dockets, in the same manner as if one of the judges was present; and the same shall be as effectual as if the judge was in court.

This section referred to in construing art. 26, sec. 39. *Frostburg v. Tidley*, 63 Md. 518.

An. Code, sec. 55. 1904, sec. 54. 1888, sec. 51. 1715, ch. 47, sec. 8. 1766, ch. 14, sec. 2. 1865, ch. 157.

**59.** They shall record all deeds, mortgages, bills of sale and other instruments required to be recorded, in a well-bound book, which book shall contain an alphabetical index in the names of all the parties to such deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other instrument of writing; provided, that they shall not be required to record or receive for recording, any deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other instrument of writing, unless the fees for recording the same as regulated by law shall first be paid by the person offering the same for record.

The alphabeting of the liber and the preparation of general index, are chargeable against the parties having papers recorded. If clerk fails to collect such fees, the county is not to suffer thereby. *Peter v. Prettyman*, 62 Md. 572.

See art. 21, "Conveyancing."

An. Code, sec. 56. 1904, sec. 55. 1902, ch. 516, sec. 51A.

**60.** The clerks of the several law and equity courts of the several counties and of Baltimore city shall forthwith, upon their receipt or filing, record all bonds of every nature and kind, filed in their respective courts or given or taken in any proceedings or cause whatsoever at law or in equity, in a well-bound book or books provided by said clerks for that purpose, and none other; which book or books shall contain an alphabetical index in the names of all the parties to such bonds; and, until such bonds are actually recorded, they shall remain in the custody of said clerks, and said clerks shall endorse on said bonds when and where the same are recorded and shall be entitled to charge for their recording and indexing, similar fees to those charged for recording and indexing chattel mortgages by said clerks; and the copy of the record of any such bond, certified by the clerk of the court where the same is recorded, under the seal of his office, shall be *prima facie* evidence in any court of this State to prove such bond and the execution and delivery thereof.