

he may be directed to make by a judge or judges of the said court, for which he shall make no charge.*

1912, ch. 615. 1914 Code, sec. 149A.

187. One-half of the fines imposed and recognizances forfeited to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County shall be paid to the clerk of said court to be expended under the direction of the judge or judges of said court for the augmentation of the library of said court.

1918, ch. 14. 1922, ch. 353.

188. The fund known as the Library Fund of Anne Arundel County, under the provisions of Chapter 615 of the Acts of 1912, shall, from time to time, be disposed of as follows:

First—In payment of the contract price of books that were contracted for before March 22nd, 1918, which books are delivered as published.

Second—For the purchase of such necessary books as the court may deem proper and necessary to purchase from time to time.

Third—For the refurnishing or repairing of furniture in the court room and library.

Fourth—The balance, if any, shall, annually, be paid to the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to reimburse them for money advanced under said Chapter 14 of the Acts of 1918; provided, that from any money in hand not needed for these purposes the resident judge of said Circuit Court is authorized to pay to the crier of said court a sum per month, not exceeding twenty dollars for services in attending to said library.

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1927, ch. 441, sec. 149B.

189. In all actions in the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County upon bills, notes, bonds or other instruments of writing for the payment of money, or for the recovery of book and open accounts or on foreign judgments, judgment by default shall be entered by the court when sitting or by the clerk thereof on order of a judge of said court during recess, upon motion in writing of the plaintiff, or his attorney, after twenty days from the return day hereinafter provided, to which the defendant was summoned, notwithstanding the appearance by the defendant, unless the defendant, or if there be more than one, one or more of them shall have previously filed in the cause an affidavit stating that the defendant verily believes there is a legal defense to the whole or part of such cause of action, and setting forth the nature and character of the same with such clearness as, if true, would defeat the action; if the defense be to a part only of the cause of action, the defendant, or if there be more than one, any one or more of them shall, in such affidavit, specify the sum which is

*There was no enacting clause in ch. 178, 1920.