

he shall for each offense forfeit and pay ten dollars, to be recovered before a justice of the peace as small debts, one-half to the use of the informer, and the other half for the State; and shall, in addition, return to the party the fees so improperly received.

As to abolition of informers' fees, see art. 38, sec. 3.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 6. 1912, sec. 6. 1904, sec. 6. 1888, sec. 6. 1779, ch. 25.

6. For any service not mentioned in this article which any officer may render, he shall be allowed the same fees herein allowed for similar services.

Fees of clerk of criminal court of Baltimore City apparently justified by this section and sec. 12. *Baltimore v. Pattison*, 136 Md. 71.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 7. 1912, sec. 7. 1904, sec. 7. 1888, sec. 7. 1822, ch. 219, sec. 3.

7. Any officer entitled to any fees for rendering services to any person who is not a resident of this State, or not assessed on taxable property therein, may require such fees to be paid at the time of rendering such service, or security for the payment of the same to be given.

Cited but not construed in *Peter v. Prettyman*, 62 Md. 573.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 8. 1912, sec. 8. 1904, sec. 8. 1888, sec. 8. 1844, ch. 311, secs. 1, 3.

8. Each clerk and register of wills shall have six months from the time he retires from office to complete the unfinished business of his office and shall have, during that period, a right, on receipting therefor to his successor, to all needful papers, in order to enable him to complete and finish his business.

Cited but not construed in *State v. Carman*, 27 Md. 714.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 9. 1912, sec. 9. 1904, sec. 9. 1888, sec. 9. 1844, ch. 311, sec. 2. 1878, ch. 229.

9. Each clerk and register of wills on coming into office shall complete all the unfinished business which shall be in his office unfinished by his predecessor within the six months given in the preceding section, and such clerk or register shall be allowed the usual fees for so doing, the same to be paid by said predecessor; and the last official bond of said predecessor shall be responsible for the same in cases where said predecessor has received the fees therefor; and in cases where the fees have not been received by his said predecessor, such clerk or register completing said business shall be entitled to said fees therefor and shall collect the same from the parties owing the same in the like manner that he collects other fees for similar services.

The work left unfinished by the predecessor must be completed before the clerk in office can sue. *State v. Carman*, 27 Md. 715.

Cited but not construed in *Peter v. Prettyman*, 62 Md. 572.

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An. Code, 1924, sec. 10. 1912, sec. 10. 1904, sec. 10. 1888, sec. 10. 1715, ch. 48, sec. 7. 1763, ch. 23, sec. 12. 1810, ch. 126. 1865, ch. 131. 1902, ch. 16.

10. Attorneys at law shall be entitled to demand and receive the following fees, to wit:

For bringing, prosecuting or defending any suit or action at law in any of the courts of this State of original jurisdiction.	\$5 00
For prosecuting or defending any cause, plaint or action, including all proceedings to collect money due on mortgage, in any of the courts of equity of this State.	10 00