

the circuit court for the county where such officer resides; or, if the offense be committed in the city of Baltimore, by indictment in the criminal court of Baltimore, one-half to the informer, the other half to the State.

1888, art. 36, sec. 5. 1860, art 38, sec. 4. 1852, ch. 308, sec. 4.

5. If any officer shall, by himself or his deputies, agents or clerks, ask, receive or demand any fees herein allowed, after the same have been paid, 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.

Ibid sec. 6. 1860, art. 38, sec. 5. 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.

Ibid. sec. 7. 1860, art. 38, sec. 6. 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.

Ibid. sec. 8. 1860, art. 38, sec. 7. 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.

Ibid sec. 9. 1860, art. 38, sec. 8. 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