

current power with the judge of his court to pass all orders *nisi* for the ratification of auditor's reports and accounts, but not final orders.

1868, art. 17, sec. 29. 1860, art. 18, sec. 27. 1852, ch. 173, sec. 1.

**31.** The clerks of the circuit courts for the counties, and the clerk of the circuit court and circuit court No. 2 of Baltimore city, and of the court of common pleas may each pass all orders *nisi* for the ratification of sales made and reported under decrees or orders of the court of which he is clerk, but not final orders.

*Ibid.* sec. 30. 1860, art. 18, sec. 28. 1852, ch. 173, sec. 2.

**32.** Every clerk may issue commissions to take testimony in common-law cases to the standing commissioners appointed by his court for that purpose, and, if the parties agree thereto in writing, may issue a commission to any person or persons named in such agreement.

*Ellicott v. Peterson*, 4 Md. 476.

*Ibid.* sec. 31. 1860, art. 18, sec. 30. 1852, ch. 173, sec. 4.

**33.** They may pass and issue orders of publication to notify non-resident defendants.

*Ibid.* sec. 32. 1860, art. 18, sec. 31. 1742, ch. 10, sec. 2. 1800, ch. 82, sec. 3.

**34.** No clerk shall receive any fees or compensation for services rendered as clerk, until he has given bond, executed and approved as herein provided.

*Ibid.* sec. 33. 1860, art. 18, sec. 32. 1731, ch. 15, sec. 2.

**35.** Every clerk shall make out accounts of his fees in a fair, legible hand, and in words at length.

*Jamison v. State*, 55 Md. 103.

*Ibid.* sec. 34. 1860, art. 18, sec. 33. 1731, ch. 15, sec. 3.

**36.** He shall deliver to either plaintiff or defendant (if required) full copies, in a fair, legible hand, of all the costs of suit recovered by or against the party requiring the same; and on failure to do so he shall forfeit and pay thirty dollars.

*Ibid.* sec. 35. 1860, art. 18, sec. 34. 1794, ch. 54, sec. 10.

**37.** In all suits brought on bonds given to the State, the clerk, before he issues the writ, shall endorse thereon the name