

## CHAP. 246.

## CHAP. CCXLVI.

Passed Mar 13 1827

An Act to repeal an Act, entitled, An act to tax certain Offices, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-three, and the act to explain and amend the same, passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-four.

Acts repealed

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the act, entitled, An act to tax certain offices, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-three, chapter one hundred and forty-six, and the act, entitled, An act to explain and amend the act, entitled, An act to tax certain offices, passed at December session eighteen hundred and twenty-four, chapter one hundred and ninety, be and the same are hereby repealed.

State's right to monies due not affected

2. *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall in any way affect the right of the state to monies due to said state and which have accrued under the provisions of the act hereby repealed, but that the said act shall remain in force for the collection thereof, and be proceeded under for that purpose to final judgment and execution, as if this act had never passed.

## CHAP. CCXLVII.

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An Act to regulate the Fees of certain Officers.

Preamble

WHEREAS the provisions of the existing laws of this state in relation to officers fees are, in many respects, so vague and indefinite, as to be susceptible of various interpretations, and very different constructions, with respect to the purport, true intent and meaning thereof, by many of those officers whose fees were thereby intended to have been regulated and determined; and to this cause may be chiefly ascribed the discordant practices that have so long prevailed, with different public officers, in regard to the particular manner of charging their office fees, and the variance in the measure of compensation to which they have respectively conceived themselves legally entitled, for the performance of official duties of a like and similar kind: And whereas it is important that the laws of the state should, in all cases, be rendered so clear, comprehensive and certain, by a precise and explicit phraseology in their formation, as to preclude all doubt, misconception or diversity of opinion, respecting the true meaning and intention of the legislature, and to insure, in their operation and effect on the community, a just equality, and impartial uniformity; and for the purpose of remedying and preventing in future, certain practices that may doubtless have resulted from pure motives and a conscientious interpretation of said laws, but which are nevertheless much complained of; and of promoting the desirable and beneficial objects stated in the title and preamble hereof; Therefore,

Fees allowed public officers—penalty for receiving more, &amp;c.

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That from and after the first day of June next, the following fees shall be limited and allowed to the several and respective public officers herein after mentioned, and no officer or officers herein after named, his or their ministers, deputies or servants, by reason or colour of his or their office or offices, shall presume to charge, demand, ask, receive or take, of any person or persons, directly or indirectly, any other or greater fees, which shall