

CHAPTER 35.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, section (225) two hundred and twenty-five of Article sixteen (16) of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Witnesses and Testimony," as said section was repealed and re-enacted with amendments, by chapter 86 of the Acts of 1890.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section two hundred and twenty-five (225) of Article sixteen (16) of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Chancery," sub-title "Witnesses and Testimony," as said section was repealed and re-enacted with amendments, by chapter 86 of the acts of 1890, be, and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

225. The court shall, on application of a party in interest, or may, of its own motion, order, that instead of the mode of taking testimony as provided in the foregoing sections, the witnesses, or any of them, shall be examined orally in open court in the presence of the judge or judges thereof, as to all or any of the facts or matters relevant in the cause or proceeding, and the evidence so taken shall be written down as delivered by the witnesses by such person, and in such manner as the court may have by special order or general rule directed, and when so written down, shall, with such documentary proof as shall have been with it offered and admitted, be filed as part of the proceedings, to be used as if taken before an examiner; or if the court shall have so ordered, such evidence shall be reduced to writing by counsel in the same manner as bills of exceptions now are at common law, and after the same shall have been signed by the judge or judges before whom the testimony was taken, shall, with the documentary proof at the same time offered and admitted, be filed as part of the proceedings to be used as if taken before an examiner.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 11th, 1896.