

Notice to non-residents.

114. In all suits in chancery against non-residents or against persons who may be proceeded against, as if they were non-residents, the court may order notice to be given by publication, in one or more newspapers, stating the substance and object of the bill or petition, and warning such party to appear on or before the day fixed in such order and show cause why the relief prayed should not be granted, and such notice shall be published as the court may direct, not less, however, than once a week for four successive weeks, previous to fifteen days before the day fixed by such order for the appearance of the party; provided, if a copy of the order be personally served on such party one month before the day fixed for his appearance, if he be within the limits of the United States, or three months if beyond such service, shall have the same effect as a publication; proof of said service must be as follows: 1st. If served by the sheriff, his certificate thereof; 2d. If any other person, his affidavit or affirmation thereof, made and signed before a notary public and certified by him; 3d. The written admission of the defendant proved to the satisfaction of the court; and such certificate, affidavit, affirmation or admission shall state the time and place of service. And any person making a false affidavit or affirmation as to any such service shall be guilty of perjury, and any sheriff making a false certificate as to the service of any such notice, shall be liable for making a false return.

Effective.

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

Approved March 19th, 1896.

CHAPTER 40.

AN ACT to repeal sections sixteen and seventeen of Article seventy-four of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Pilots," and to re-enact the same with amendments, providing that vessels employed in the coasting trade and vessels laden either in whole or in part with coke or coal mined in the United States, shall be exempt from the duty of taking a pilot and paying pilotage or half pilotage.

Repeal.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That sections sixteen and seventeen of Article seventy-four of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Pilots," be