

AN ACT to authorize and direct the clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County to make and maintain a general index of all causes appearing upon the equity docket of said county, or which may hereafter be brought in said Court, while sitting as a Court of Equity, and to provide compensation for the same.

General index  
to be made.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery county be and he is hereby directed to make, or cause to be made, a general index of all causes appearing upon the equity docket of said court, beginning with the earliest of said docket, said general index to be made upon the same plan, and in similar books, as now used in his office for general indexes of the land records; in which index he shall place the name of every party to each cause, and where the suit is for the sale of lands of any person deceased or otherwise, the name of said owner shall also appear in its proper place in said general index; said clerk shall enter, in connection with the name of each person, the number or year of the docket, and the number of the case thereon in which such person is a party or in which his property is involved, and where the papers in any cause have been recorded the book and page of such record.

Compensation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the County Commissioners of said county be and they are hereby directed to levy for any cause to be paid to said clerk a reasonable compensation for the work hereby directed; said compensation to be fixed by the sworn account of said clerk, approved by one or more of the judges of said court.

Names of all  
parties  
entered in  
index.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That after the passage of this Act said clerk, when and as each cause is brought, shall enter in said general index the names of all parties to said cause, and where the object of the suit is the sale of lands, the name of the owner or claimant of said land, and when and as the papers in any cause are recorded the book and page of such record, for which he shall be entitled to charge and receive such fees as are now charged for indexing in the general indexes of the land records, which fees shall be taxed as and become part of the costs of such cause, to be recovered as other costs in such cases are or may be paid.