

office, and to make certain indexes of papers or proceedings therein, and to procure from the Commissioners of the Land Office certain papers and proceedings affecting titles to land in Harford county.

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SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the clerk of the Circuit Court for Harford county be and he is hereby empowered and directed to equip his office with such furniture and metallic and other fixtures as he may determine are necessary and requisite for the prompt and safe dispatch of the business and protection of the records of his office, and the proper and easy accommodation of the public, and to procure from the land office of Maryland copies of all original papers and proceedings in the high court of chancery affecting titles to land in Harford county; and the said clerk shall securely file and index or record the same in his office, and shall not permit said original papers and proceeding to be removed from his office except by the judges of said court in person.

Authority to equip his office with furniture, etc.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in all such causes where the original papers, maps, plats and proceedings cannot be found, but the same or any part thereof have been docketed or recorded amongst the records of said high court of chancery, said clerk be and he is hereby empowered and directed to make complete searches and copies of said dockets and records, and to file the same in his office. The copies provided for in this section and Section 1 of this Act shall be made by and under the direction of the clerk aforesaid, and no charge shall be made by the commissioner of the land office for any searches required to carry out the provisions of this Act, or for any copies made, unless said copies are made on the request of the clerk aforesaid.

Authority to make complete searches and copies of dockets and records.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk be and he is hereby further empowered and directed to prepare complete indexes of all bonds filed in his office of trustees or other fiduciaries, and of chattel mortgages and bills of sale and of releases of original mortgages and of marriage licenses therein filed.

Prepare complete indexes of bonds.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That all expenses incurred by said clerk under the foregoing sections of this Act shall be paid out of any surplus revenues now in or which may hereafter come into the hands of said clerk.

How expenses shall be paid