

CHAP. 129. complaint, and on a general replication filed thereto, a commission in chief shall have issued to take testimony thereon, and if in the same case an interlocutory decree shall have been or shall be entered against any other defendant for want of an appearance or answer, and a commission ex parte directed to be issued, it shall not be necessary in such case for the complainant to have such commission ex parte issued and executed, but he shall be at liberty to take such testimony under the commission in chief, as may be necessary to sustain his case against said defaulting defendant; and all testimony taken under any commission in chief issued as aforesaid shall be admissible in evidence, and have like effect against such defaulting defendant as if the same was taken under a commission ex parte issued under an interlocutory decree against such defendant.

Or optional

CHAPTER 129.

Passed Mar. 6, 1837. *An act to authorise the Commissioners of the Tax of Frederick county to appoint an assessor or assessors to value certain property in Frederick county.*

Preamble. WHEREAS, by the erection of Carroll county, the lands of several persons are divided by the divisional line of Carroll and Frederick counties, and parts thereof are now situate in Frederick county and other parts thereof in Carroll county; and whereas, it is desirable for the purpose of county levies, that the value of the whole property of the county shall be certainly known:—Therefore,

Valuation directed. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the commissioners of the tax of Frederick county be and they are hereby authorised and directed, as soon as is practicable after the passage of this act, to appoint an assessor or assessors, to value all the said parts of the said lands, situate in Frederick county, and mentioned in the preamble of this act; and that the said assessor or assessors shall comply with all the requisitions, and shall be subjected to all the penalties of the act passed at November session, eighteen hundred and twelve, chapter one hundred and ninety-one, relating to assessors, and not inconsistent herewith,*