

eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, that certain docket and record books of said office are in a dilapidated state, therefore,

CHAP. 125.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Stevenson Archer and Thomas Kell, two of the judges of Harford county court, and Otho Scott, esquire, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to inspect the records belonging to the office of the clerk of Harford county court, and to ascertain what record books belonging to said office require to be transcribed, or require new indexes and new binding; and if upon examination they the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall find that any of the said records, anterior to the time when the present clerk was appointed, require transcribing or new indexes, or that any record books in said office require rebinding, they shall be, and are hereby authorised and empowered to contract with said clerk, or some other person, for the faithful transcribing of the same, under the direction of the clerk; and the same, when done and executed to be preserved as record books in the office of the said clerk of Harford county, and any extracts, exemplifications or copies, from the said record books, as transcribed under the hand of the clerk, and seal of his office, as the case may be, shall be legal evidence in the several courts of this state, in as full and ample manner as if the same had been extracted from the original record books, of which the said records are a transcript.

Persons to inspect, contract and direct

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk shall purchase such books, bound with leather, as the said commissioners, or a majority of them, may direct, for the purpose of transcribing and annexing new indexes to the said record books.

Purchase books.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said clerk, or any other person that the said commissioners may employ, shall be allowed such sum or sums for transcribing said dockets and record books, and indexes, as the said commissioners, in their discretion, shall think he therefore reasonably may deserve for the same, to be levied by the commissioners of Harford county, and collected and paid as other county charges in said county are collected and paid; *Provided,* that the allowance so awarded by the commissioners aforesaid, shall not exceed eight cents for each and every side of one hundred words of recording, and ten cents per side of one hundred words for making indexes.

Compensation—levy.

Proviso

Sec 4. *And be it enacted* That the price or amount of such book or books as shall be furnished by the said clerk for transcribing such dockets and records as may by the said commissioners be thought necessary, be levied by the commissioners for Harford county, and collected and paid to the said clerk, as other county charges in said county are collected and paid; *Provided,* that if the commissioners before named shall be of opinion that any of the said dockets or record books

Director.

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