

a court of equity, in which an ex parte commission may be returned, after an interlocutory decree, for want of appearance, or answer under the act of eighteen hundred and twenty, chapter one hundred and sixty-one, the said cause may be set down for a final hearing, after the expiration of thirty days from the return day of the said commission, unless in the meanwhile the defendant shall have obtained leave to file an answer on terms, which in the opinion of the court, ought to postpone the time of final hearing, or may make such postponement necessary and proper.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in any case in which a commission in chief may be issued, to take testimony under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-six, chapter one hundred and twenty-eight, after an interlocutory decree against some one or more of the defendants, under the said act of eighteen hundred and twenty, chapter one hundred and sixty-one, it shall be competent for the complainant or complainants, immediately on the return of such commission, and at any time afterwards, with the consent of the defendant or defendants, who may have answered, to set said case down for final hearing, unless in the meanwhile the said defendant or defendants, against whom such interlocutory decree may have been passed, shall have obtained leave to file an answer on terms, which, in the opinion of the court, ought to postpone the time of final hearing, or may make such postponement necessary and proper.

Complainant to set the case down for final hearing.

CHAPTER 61.

*A further additional supplement to the act imposing duties on Promissory Notes, Bills of Exchange, Specialities and other instruments of writing to aid in paying the debts of the State.*

Passed Feb- 17, 1847.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That all mortgages and releases of mortgages, and all such deeds and bills of sale as are now required by law to be recorded, which have been, or may hereafter be printed or written on vellum, skin, parchment, paper or other material, without the same having been first stamped according to the provisions of the second section of the act passed at December session, eighteen

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