

sand dollars per annum as herein provided, then and in such case, the amount of fees so returned, after first deducting therefrom the amount of the allowance herein after made for the said register, shall be divided among the said sixteen justices, share and share alike, and the same shall be in full of all demands on account of their services as justices of the peace, any thing in this act contained to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said justices of the peace, in all cases and for all acts within their jurisdiction and authority, including the taking of acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments of writing, shall demand, collect and receive the fees now allowed, or that may hereafter be authorised by law, to be demanded and received by justices of the peace in and for the city of Baltimore, and they shall on the first Monday in each and every month after they shall be qualified to act as aforesaid, make return on oath or affirmation, and pay over to the register of the city of Baltimore, for the use of the said city, all fees received by them as aforesaid, for and during such period, and it shall be the duty of the said justices at the end of every three months after they shall have qualified to act as aforesaid, to make a report on oath or affirmation to the said register, setting forth the number of cases, civil and criminal, which during such period shall have been acted upon by them, and all the acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments of writing by them taken, and they shall also specify in said report the number of days they may have been absent from their places of official business, and the reasons thereof.

To report, under oath, all fees received.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That if any of the said justices of the peace shall in any instance fail or neglect to make a monthly return or payment as aforesaid, or quarterly report as aforesaid, and shall neglect so to do for one week after the time at which the same should be made, it is hereby made the duty of the register of the city of Baltimore to notify the Governor of such omission or neglect, who after first giving notice to such justice of the peace, and his not adducing good and sufficient reasons for the omission aforesaid, or if he shall omit to make such return or payment on or before a day that may be named by him for that purpose, shall be and he is hereby authorised and required to remove from office such delinquent justice of the peace, and appoint some other person to serve out the residue of the term, and it is hereby made the duty of the said register forthwith to institute suit upon the bond of such defaulting

Penalty for neglect.