

the surveyors of the several counties have their services rated by an allowance in tobacco; and whereas, since said period the character of surveys is much changed, and the rates then regulating the surveyor's fees do not cover the necessary labor they now have to undergo, but leave a portion thereof to be covered and met by usage, without the sanction of law—  
Therefore,

CHAP. 549:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the surveyors of the several counties of this State, and of Howard District, Charles and Caroline counties excepted, be and they are hereby authorised to charge for his individual services, under warrants of survey or re-survey, directed from the land office, under orders or warrants of re-survey directed from the county court, and under orders directed from the Chancellor, a per diem of four dollars for each day he may necessarily be engaged in performing the duty the said orders and warrants enjoin, and the said surveyors, when the same shall be required by the person or persons for whom the services shall be rendered, shall state his account of such services under oath.

Compensation of surveyors

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the present and succeeding surveyors of the several counties of this State, and of Howard District, to keep a regular alphabetical record of the surveyor's duplicate certificate of all surveys or re-surveys hereafter made, by virtue of a warrant issued from the land office, and that the record book or books shall be procured at the cost of said counties, and Howard District, and that the said record books shall be the property of the said several counties and Howard District, and shall be kept by the surveyors thereof, and be handed down to the successive surveyors of the said counties and district, to be by them kept, and to be open to the inspection of all persons who may desire to examine the same.

Duty of the surveyors

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the said surveyors shall have the privileges of appointing their deputies at any time, without consulting or obtaining the consent of the Examiner General.

To appoint deputies.