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His duty before he proceeds to execute or distrain.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the said Ezra Mantz, before he proceeds to execute or distrain the property of any person or persons for officer's fees or public dues in virtue of this act, to deliver to such person or persons chargeable with the same, at least thirty days previous to levying such execution or distress, an account written in words at full length of the officers fees or public dues demanded of him, her, or them, with an affidavit annexed if required; that he hath not received any part thereof, nor any thing as security or satisfaction for the same, more than credit given to the best of his knowledge.

A copy of his collection books to be lodged in county clerk's office.

3 AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said Ezra Mantz, before he derives any benefit from or under this act, shall lodge a copy of his collection books in the clerk's office of Frederick county, to be open for the inspection of all persons interested in the same.



CHAPTER 32.

Passed Dec. 2, 1812.

*An act to regulate the fees of the Register of the Court of Chancery.*

Fees reduced to the same as county court fees—penalty for demanding or receiving more \$100.

SEC. 1. BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That after the first day of February next, the register of the court of chancery, for the performance of the duties of his office, shall not, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every offence, demand, ask for or receive, any higher or other fees than are allowed by law to the clerks of the county courts for the same services.

What he shall charge in certain cases.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for any services to be performed by the register of the court of chancery, and for which no allowance is made to the clerks of the county courts as aforesaid, the said register shall charge one half of the respective fees now allowed to him by law, and no more; and the said register shall not, after the first day of February next, under the penalty of one hundred dollars for every offence, demand, ask for or receive, any higher or other fees for such services.

Penalties—how to be recovered, and how disposed of.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the penalties which may acerue in virtue of this act, shall be recovered by indictment in Anne-Arundel county court, and that one half thereof shall be paid to the person or persons prosecuting for the same, and the other half to the state.