Passed Febru- AN ACT to prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of the Sheriff of Charles county, in cases therein provided.

Duty of Sheriff to furnish suitable bed and bedding.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of Charles county, in addition to the duties prescribed by former acts of Assembly, to furnish to all State prisoners confined in jail, suitable bed and bedding, to have their clothes regularly washed, and to furnish fire when necessary to keep them comfortable.

Compensation.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That in lieu of the compensation now allowed for victuals and keeping them in prison, he shall hereafter be allowed, and the County Commissioners of said county, are hereby authorised and required to levy on the assessable property of said county, a sum not exceeding fifty cents a day, for each State prisoner confined in jail, for each day he may be so confined; which compensation shall be in full for all the aforesaid duties or services.

Commissioners authorised to levy.

Repealed.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That when the jail of said county shall be ready to receive, and the Sheriff shall have removed thereto the prisoners in his custody, the Commissioners of the county are hereby authorised and required to levy on the assessable property of said county, such additional sum or sums as may be necessary to pay for firewood and blankets for the use of the prisoners confined in said jail; Provided, that when said levy shall be made, at the instance of said Sheriff, for firewood and blankets, then the rate of fees as fixed by the second section of this act, shall be reduced to forty cents a day, for each State prisoner confined in said jail, for every day he may be so confined.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That all acts or parts of acts of Assembly heretofore passed, as are inconsistent and contrary to this act, are hereby repealed, and this act shall go into effect from and

immediately after its passage.

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