

within this state, and has been removed or has resigned, or the securities of such officer, whose papers and judicial proceedings remain unrecorded, and the executors or administrators of each and every officer, now deceased, who in his life-time was the clerk or register of any such court, or the securities of such deceased officer, whose papers and judicial proceedings remain unrecorded, and the present clerk or register of any such court whose papers and judicial proceedings remain unrecorded, shall respectively proceed, without delay, to record, or cause to be recorded, in sufficient and well bound books, and in a fair and correct manner, all and singular the judgments duly rendered in each and every action of ejectment, trespass, *quare clausum fregit*, dower, partition, replevin wherein an avowry has been pleaded or rent recovered, judgments in debt, or damages under which any lands or tenements have been seized in execution, and the several executions by virtue of which the same have been sold, and the several returns to such executions, and all decrees, petitions, commissions, returns, deeds, papers and proceedings, whatsoever, relating to lands, tenements, or other real estate, remaining in their respective offices unrecorded, and which they respectively are bound to record; and the records of such judgments, decrees, papers and proceedings, shall be made up at full length, and contain the pleadings, continuances, and all other documents and entries, necessary to complete the same, according to the forms and customs heretofore most used and approved.

6. *And be it enacted*, That the chancellor and the judges of the said respective courts of justice, in the office belonging to which such judgments, decrees, papers and proceedings, shall remain unrecorded, or any one or more of them, at any time during the ensuing and other terms, shall examine the dockets and files thereof, and specify certain periods from term to term when the same, or such portions thereof as he or they shall prescribe, ought to be recorded, and shall direct an entry to be made of the respective portions and periods which they shall assign; and at the termination of every period the book or books shall be brought before him or them, and the said chancellor and judges respectively, or any one or more of them, shall determine whether the records are made up in the manner required by this act; and upon every failure to perform the duties hereby directed and provided, the attorney for the state, prosecuting in such court, shall put in suit the bond of such officer, who, or whose executors, administrators or securities, shall make default, unless the court shall see reasonable cause for granting more delay; and a sum of money not exceeding one thousand dollars, according to the nature of the offence, and the injury which may be probably sustained, shall be assessed by the jury, and collected and paid over, as the case may be, either to the justices of the levy court to defray the county charges, or to the treasurer of the respective shores for the use of this state.

7. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the end of this session of assembly, it shall be the duty of each and every officer, being the clerk or register of any court of justice within this state, to make up and complete his records in sufficient and well bound books, and in a fair and correct manner, of all and singular the judgments duly rendered in each and every action of ejectment,

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Chancellor & judges to examine the dockets, &c.

Records to be made up and completed—to be inspected.