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trespass, *quare clausum fregit*, dower, partition, replevin wherein an avowry shall be pleaded or rent recovered, judgments in debt or damages under which any lands or tenements shall be seized in execution, and the several writs of execution by virtue of which the same shall be sold, and the several returns to such executions, and also all decrees, petitions, commissions, returns, deeds, papers and proceedings, whatsoever, relating to lands, tenements, and other real estate, which shall be had, rendered or made, in such court, or filed or delivered to be recorded, and now required according to the laws of the land to be recorded; and the records of all such judgments, decrees, papers and proceedings, shall be made up at full length, and in the manner herein before required, within the term of twelve months from and after the time when the said judgments, decrees and proceedings, shall be finally rendered, made or had, or when such deeds, papers and returns, shall be received or required to be recorded; and the chancellor and judges of the respective courts of justice, or any one or more of them, at every term, shall inspect the records and papers of the offices attached to their respective courts, and examine the condition thereof, and see whether the duties required by this act be duly performed; and if any clerk or register shall neglect or refuse to perform the duties hereby directed and provided, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars for every offence, to be recovered by indictment and conviction in a court of law; and such conviction shall be deemed and taken as evidence of misbehaviour in office, for which he may be removed.

Judgments &c
not relating to
real estates not
to be recorded
unless required
by party interested.

8. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the end of this session of assembly it shall not be the duty of any clerk of any court of law, or for the register of any court of chancery, within this state, to make up the record of any judgment, decree, or judicial proceeding, which shall not relate to lands, tenements, or other real estate, or affect or concern the title, right or interest therein, as herein before particularly mentioned, unless required in writing by some party or person interested in such proceeding; but nevertheless, if any person or persons shall require an exemplification or official copy of a record of such judgment, decree or judicial proceeding, it shall be lawful for the clerk or register to grant and certify the same, and the minutes of the court, the entries of the dockets, and the original papers and documents filed in such cause, shall be sufficient vouchers to the clerk or register for entering the style of the court by which, and the term and year in which, such judgment, decree, or final proceeding, was had, rendered or made, and for making a due and proper record thereof.

Minutes of
court, &c. to
be transcribed,
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9. *And be it enacted*, That instead of making up the records of the judgments, decrees and judicial proceedings, herein before lastly mentioned, it shall be the duty of the clerk or register of the respective courts of justice aforesaid, and each and every of them is hereby directed and required, forthwith to provide one or more substantial and well bound book or books, and therein, immediately after every term, to enter and transcribe, in a fair and correct manner, and according to the true intent and meaning of each proceeding, the minutes of the court, and the docket entries of all and every action, prosecution, suit and execution, civil, criminal and equitable, which shall have ended during the said term by tri-

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