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state, and that it is but just that the citizens of both states shall share in the advantages, as they have united in liberality towards the said city, and have prayed that a law might be made, permitting negro slaves to be employed by the public on either side of the river Patowmack, either in the works of the Patowmack company or of the city of Washington; and it appearing to this general assembly that the prayer of the said petition ought to be granted,

Company  
may employ  
slaves, &c.

II. *Be it therefore enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be lawful for the said Patowmack company, and for the said commissioners, to employ any male slaves of the state of Virginia, or of the state of Maryland, in any part of the public works committed to their respective charge, on either side of the river Patowmack, and to remove them as often as may be necessary to and from either of the said states, and that the slaves, so employed, shall not acquire any right to freedom in consequence thereof; provided always, that every slave brought from Virginia to Maryland by virtue of this act, shall be carried back to Virginia within twelve calendar months from the final completion of the public works, either of the said city of Washington or of the said river Patowmack respectively, in which the said slave shall be employed; and that every slave, not carried back as aforesaid, shall be entitled to freedom at the expiration of twelve months as aforesaid: And provided also, that this act shall have no effect until a law, on similar principles, shall have been passed by the commonwealth of Virginia.

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Passed De-  
cember 23.

Preamble.

An ACT for establishing and securing the salary of the chancellor.

**W**HEREAS the declaration of rights directs, that a salary be secured to the chancellor during the continuance of his commission; and the nature of his office, as well as the provisions of law, require the residence of the chancellor at the seat of government,

Chancellor's  
salary.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the chancellor shall be entitled to receive for all duties and services whatever prescribed, or to be prescribed, by law, an annual salary of nine hundred and fifty pounds current money, during the continuance of his commission, to be paid quarterly.

Persons to pay  
for services  
done, &c.

III. *And,* to secure the punctual payment of said salary, *Be it enacted,* That all persons who may have services done in the court of chancery, or land-office of the western shore, or who may have the great seal affixed to any patent, grant, commission, or other paper, for their benefit, shall pay according to the following table, as in current money, and no more, any law to the contrary notwithstanding: Filing every original bill or petition in chancery, one dollar; filing every petition relative to a cause or matter depending in the court of chancery, or land-office, half a dollar; filing every bill of revivor, half a dollar; filing every answer, for each defendant, unless in the case of joint heirs, executors, administrators or trustees, half a dollar; drawing and signing by the chancellor of a final decree, or decree in chancery granting relief, or dismissing the bill or original petition, one dollar; drawing and signing by the chancellor of every interlocutory decree or order in chancery relative to a cause, half a dollar; every final adjudication in the land-office, on caveat, to be paid by the party gaining, and to be allowed as other costs, one dollar; every order in the land-office, at the instance of the party, half a dollar; the seal of a subpoena or summons from chancery, for each name one quarter of a dollar; the seal of a grant or patent of land not exceeding three hundred acres, two dollars; the seal of a grant or patent of land exceeding three hundred acres, for each one hundred acres above three hundred, one quarter of a dollar; the seal of a decree if required, three dollars; the seal of an injunction, or of a writ of error to the court of appeals, three dollars; the seal of a writ of execution, or of a writ of error from a county court, two dollars; the seal of a sheriff's commission, four dollars and two thirds of a dollar; the seal of every commission to a civil office (except justices of the peace and of the orphans court) to which any salary for, or allowance, is annexed, two dollars; the seal to every other matter or thing that shall pass the  
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