

8. If no appointment shall be made of a collector or collectors in any year of the public assessment, within three years after the laying of the county rate, the justices of the county courts respectively, shall appoint the sheriff, or some other fit person of their county, to collect the rate aforesaid to defray the said county charges, who shall collect the same under the penalty of 50*l.* current money for every refusal or neglect, and shall be entitled to receive for the same a compensation of 6 per cent. Nov. 1787, c. 31, § 2.

See *Amerciaments*, 3.—*apprentices*, 2.—*criminal fees*, 6, 7.—*ferries*, 5, 11.—*justices of the peace*, 6, 7, 8.—*levies*.—*levy courts*.—*negroes and slaves*, 6, 16, 39, 41.—*small debts*, 14.

COUNTY CLERKS.

1. **C**OUNTY CLERKS, before executing any part of their office, shall enter into bond of 100*l.* currency, with two sufficient securities, for the finding, at their own expence, good and sufficient record books, making true and perfect records and entries, preserving and repairing, &c. all the books, papers and records, remaining in, or added to his office during his continuance therein, &c. which bond shall be entered into in the name of his lordship, before the county court, and a probat thereof immediately made before the court, or before two county justices, and entered in the county records for conveyance of land, and the original bond lodged in the council office.—1716, c. 1, § 3, 6; and 1742, c. 10, § 2.

2. The clerks may be obliged to renew these bonds with other securities, as often as the court shall disapprove the sufficiency of the former. 1742, c. 10, § 4.

3. No clerk shall remove any books, papers, or records, out of their offices, and keep the same out at any time between eleven at night and six in the morning, on penalty of 10*l.* currency for each offence.—1747, c. 3, § 10, 11.—But county clerks may remove out of their offices, the last recording book for judgments, and the four last court dockets and papers, and keep the same at their own houses, or other convenient places, &c.—1748, c. 7, § 2. (*see below*, art. 19.)

4. County clerks shall, by themselves, or their deputies, attend at their respective court houses, one or more days in every week, (to be appointed by the county court) from nine in the morning 'til sun set, for the dispatch of business; on penalty of 600*l.* tobacco for each neglect herein; one-half to the county school, the other half to the person suing