

shall produce either the original books, writings or papers, or copies certified by a justice of the peace, of all such parts of such books, writings or papers, in their possession or power, as contain evidence pertinent to the issue, or relative to the matters in dispute between the parties, to be used as evidence at the trial of such cause or causes; provided, that before any such order shall be made, the party making such application shall satisfy the chancellor, on oath or affirmation, that the said books, writings or papers, contain material and necessary evidence, and that such party cannot safely proceed to the trial of his, her or their case without the benefit of such testimony. 1798, c. 84, § 2.

2. The chancellor shall be entitled to receive, for all duties and services whatever prescribed, or to be prescribed, by law, an annual salary of twelve hundred and seventy five pounds current money, and no more, to be paid quarterly by the treasurer of the western shore. *Ibid.* c. 86, § 1. *Cont. to the 20 Oct. 1800, &c.*

C O N V E Y A N C E S.

ALL and every deed, limitation or conveyance of lands, of whatsoever kind or nature it may be, required by the laws of this state to be acknowledged and recorded, executed by nonresidents, shall be acknowledged within the following time, viz: If made by a person or persons residents without the United States, it shall be acknowledged in the manner and form as set forth in the original act to which this is a supplement, within eighteen months after the time of execution of such deed, limitation or conveyance; if executed by a resident without the state of Maryland, but within the United States, the same shall be acknowledged within six months after the time of execution. 1798, c. 103.

C O U N T Y C O U R T S.

FROM and after the passage of this act, the county courts for Washington county shall be held on the first Monday in April and December in every year; and so much of the act passed at Nov. session, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, entitled, An act for the better administration of justice in the several counties in this state, as relates to the time of holding the courts in Washington county, is hereby repealed. 1798, c. 81, § 2, 3. See *Jury & Jurors*, 2.

CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OF BALTIMORE.

1. **F**ROM and after the passage of this act, the trial and cognizance of all criminal offences, and other matters, arising within the city of Baltimore, which were heretofore held, exercised and cognizable, by the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, in virtue of an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety three, entitled, An act respecting the punishment of criminals, shall be enquired into, heard, tried and determined, within the city of Baltimore, in manner and form following; that is to say, the governor and council shall nominate, appoint and commission, three persons of integrity and sound judgment, residing within the city or precincts of Baltimore, as associate justices of the Baltimore city court, to act in conjunction with the chief justice of the third district, to perform the business of the said court, and which said court shall hereafter be styled, in all legal proceedings, Baltimore City Court; and the said chief justice, or any two of his associates, are hereby empowered and required to meet on the second Monday in January, on the first Monday in March and August, and on the third Monday in November, in every year, for the trial of all felonies, crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed, or that may hereafter be committed, in Baltimore city or precincts, and not particularly by law directed to be tried in the general court. 1798, c. 65, § 1.