

1. IMMEDIATELY after the passing of this act, the fees of the examiner-general of the western shore, and the examiner of the eastern shore, shall be and they are hereby increased fifty *per cent.* in addition to their fees already allowed by law. 1798, c. 114, § 1.

2. The examiner-general of the western shore, and the examiner of the eastern shore, shall lay before the next general assembly an account, on oath, of the amount of their fees for the present year. *Ibid.* § 2. *Cont. to the 1st. O.E. next, &c.*

FIRING OF WOODS.

1. WHOSOEVER shall, at any time hereafter, wilfully and maliciously set on fire any woods, fences, marshes, lands, leaves or rubbish thereon, within Baltimore, Anne-Arundel, Frederick, Montgomery, Allegany, Queen-Ann's, Harford, Cecil and Prince-George's counties, so as thereby to occasion any loss, damage or injury, to any other person or persons, every such person or persons so offending, and being thereof legally convicted in the court of the county where such firing and damages shall take place, shall pay a fine, not exceeding one hundred dollars, one half thereof to the informer, the other half to the use of the county where the firing and damage shall take place, the said fine to be recovered by indictment before the county court where the offence was committed; and if it shall happen that any person or persons convicted under this act shall not be able to pay the fine imposed, such person or persons shall suffer imprisonment, not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the court, without the privilege of being let to bail. 1798, c. 39, § 2.

2. Where any offence shall be committed against the tenor of this act by any slave or servant, without the direction of his or their master, or mistress or overseer respectively, and such offender be thereof duly convicted before a single magistrate, such offender or offenders, unless his or her master or mistress will pay the fine imposed, at the discretion of the magistrate, not exceeding ten pounds, with costs of suit, shall receive not exceeding thirty-nine lashes on his or her bare back, at the discretion of the said magistrate. *Ibid.* § 3.

3. Where any person or persons so offending as thereby to occasion any loss, damage or injury, to any other person or persons, every such person or persons so offending shall be and hereby are declared liable to make satisfaction for the same, in any action or actions on the case to be brought by the party or parties aggrieved. *Ibid.* § 4.

GEORGE-TOWN FIRE COMPANY.

1. AN insurance established, to be called and known by the name of The George-town Mutual Insurance Company against fire on Houses, Goods and Furniture; and for that purpose subscriptions shall be opened, under the direction of John Mason, Francis Deakins, James M. Lingan, Thoma Beall, of George, Marsham Waring, James Dunlop and Uriah Forrest, and under such person or persons, and at such place or places, as they may appoint and direct; and as soon as one hundred thousand dollars in property, or more, are subscribed for, notice shall be given in one of the Baltimore gazettes, and in the Frederick, George town and Easton papers, for the subscribers to meet, either in person or by proxy, in George-town, who shall then agree upon such rules and regulations as the majority of them present shall find best, which shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting, which shall then be binding upon all those who shall insure their property in the said mutual