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XLIII.

Cæcil, Kent, Queen-Anne's and Talbot counties, in the same proportion, to be ascertained as aforesaid; for the third district at the rate of twelve hundred dollars *per annum*, to be paid by Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Harford counties, in the same proportion, to be ascertained as aforesaid; for the fourth district at the rate of twelve hundred dollars *per annum*, to be paid by Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, in the same proportion, to be ascertained as aforesaid; for the fifth district at the rate of twelve hundred dollars *per annum*, to be paid by the counties of Washington, Frederick, Montgomery and Allegany, in the same proportion, to be ascertained as aforesaid; and the justices of the peace in the several counties shall assess, in their county assessment, the sum payable by their respective counties as aforesaid, with a commission of six *per cent.* for collection; which said sums shall be collected with the county assessment, and paid by the collector to the chief justice of their respective district, within six months next ensuing the laying of the said assessment.

By 1797, ch. 69, the compensation is increased to 1,400 dollars for the third district, and to 1,300 dollars for each of the others, and the treasurer of the western shore is directed to pay the said salary quarterly, and to receive from the collectors the sums that may be levied therefor.

Clerk to certify  
yearly, &c.

XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerk of every county shall, yearly, on or before the first day of April, certify, under his hand and seal of office, the amount of the assessable property in his county, and lodge one certificate thereof with the clerks of each county in his district, under the penalty of fifty dollars.

And make out  
two copies, &c.

XXIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the clerks of the respective county courts shall, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every omission or neglect, in the month of November yearly, during the continuance of this act, make out and transcribe two fair copies of the levy list allowed by the justices of the respective levy courts against the said counties, containing the several charges and sums levied and assessed on their respective counties, one copy whereof shall be transmitted to the clerk of the senate, and the other copy thereof to the clerk of the house of delegates, for the information of the general assembly.

Compensation  
to associate jus-  
tices, &c.

XXIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each associate justice, appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act, shall receive, as a compensation for his services, the sum of three (a) dollars for every day he shall attend the duty of his office, and the said allowance shall be assessed in the assessment of his county.

(a) Increased to four dollars by 1799, ch. 90.

Sheriff to pay  
in thirty days,  
&c.

XXV. AND BE IT ENACTED, If any collector shall not pay the allowance to any chief justice intrusted to his collection by virtue of this act, (b) within thirty days after the same shall become due, it shall be lawful for the person not paid to file an attested copy of his bond in the general court, or in the county court where such collector shall reside, with an affidavit of the sum due, and a demand and refusal of payment, and thereupon execution shall issue against such collector and his securities; and if payment be alleged, the court may, on motion, impanel and charge twelve of the attending jurors to inquire into the fact, and upon their verdict commit, release, or give such other remedy as the nature of the execution and justice may require.

(b) See the note under section 21.

Justices to do  
certain matters,  
&c.

XXVI. AND, whereas by divers acts of assembly the justices of the county courts are authorized and enjoined to do sundry matters and things at the county courts to be held in certain months in the said acts mentioned, and in many instances there is an alteration of the time of holding the said county courts by this act, BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where the courts are by this act directed to be held in different months from those mentioned in the said acts of assembly, or any of them, it shall be lawful for the justices of the county courts, to be commissioned in virtue of this act, to do and perform all such matters and things at such time in each year as they shall think convenient, either at their court in course, or an adjourned court.

Courts adjourn-  
ed, &c.

XXVII. AND, whereas some of the county courts may stand adjourned to a period subsequent to the time above specified for holding said court, BE IT ENACTED, That the said courts, so adjourned, shall and they are hereby adjourned to the Monday next preceding the days above mentioned for holding the said courts respectively.

Taxes on pro-  
cess.

XXVIII. AND, as a fund towards payment of the above annual sum to the chief justices of the several districts, BE IT ENACTED, That the following taxes shall be paid on the following process and proceedings in the county courts of this state, to wit: On every writ of ejectment, partition or dower,

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