dower, [illegible] writ of partition, writ of error, writ of habeas corpus, writ of certiorari, or every other original writ, [illegible] except the writs of habeas corpus, writ of capias, or certiorari, one dollar; for every commission to mark and bound lands, one dollar.

[illegible] fees are to be paid at the time of issuing, &c. and are to be allowed in the costs of suit.

To be paid to the clerks, &c.

XXIX. And be it enacted, That the said taxes shall be paid to the clerks of the respective counties at the time of issuing the said process or commissions, or of entering the said appeals, or producing the said writs of error, *habeas corpus*, or *certiorari*, by the persons applying for the said process or commissions, or desiring the said appeal to be entered, or producing the said writs of error, *habeas corpus*, or *certiorari*, and shall be allowed and taxed in the costs of suit; and the clerk of every county shall, every six months, settle his accounts, on oath or affirmation, with the treasurer of his shore, and shall pay the sum adjusted to the said treasurer, for the use of the chief justice of his district, (a) within thirty days after such settlement, on the penalty of paying twenty *per cent.* on the money in his hands; and every county clerk may retain at the rate of three *per cent.* for his trouble in receiving and paying the said fees according to this act.

(a) See the note under section 21.

Justices to ascertain the amount, &c.

XXX. And be it enacted, That the justices of the peace for the several counties, at the time of laying their county assessment for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and every year thereafter, shall ascertain the amount of the money collected in their county from the tax herein before imposed, by a certificate from the clerk of their county, and thereupon the said justices, after deducting the sum so paid by their clerk, shall lay such sum on their county as will make up the deficiency of the sum payable by their county as aforesaid towards the annual allowance to the chief justice of their district, and the aforesaid commission for collection; and if there shall be any surplus of the money paid into the treasury by the clerk of any county beyond what will pay the quota of such county, the said surplus shall be applied to the use of the said county.

Fees to justices.

XXXI. And, whereas the office and duties of justices of the peace are considerably increased in the several counties of this state, and it is reasonable that every person who dedicates his time or labour to the public should receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for his services, Be it enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the several justices of the peace, and associate justices, in the several counties of this state, to ask and receive the fees allowed and limitted by this act, for services expressed in the following table, and such fees shall be taxed and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be rendered, to wit: For issuing a warrant for debt, twelve and an half cents; for all summons, including all the witnesses applied for at the same time, twelve and an half cents; *venire* to summon freeholders, twenty cents; *capias ad satisfaciendum*, twelve and an half cents; *fieri facias*, twelve and an half cents; *scire facias*, twelve and an half cents; recognizance for defendant's appearance, twelve and an half cents; supersedeas of judgment in the general or county court, each justice twelve and an half cents; every oath or affidavit, six cents; probat of account, six cents; every judgment rendered, twelve and an half cents; commitment, twelve and an half cents; release ment, twelve and an half cents; warrant of attachment, twenty-five cents; attendance on valuation of orphans estates, per day, two dollars; return thereon, seventy-five cents; *venire* to summon a jury in a forcible entry and detainer, seventy-five cents; taking inquisition and return thereon, four dollars; warrant of restitution, seventy-five cents; taking acknowledgment of any deed, each justice twenty-five cents, including all the persons acknowledging at the same time; taking any other acknowledgment, twelve and an half cents; taking appeal bond, twenty-five cents; taking a bail-piece to the general or county courts, twenty-five cents; a pass, twenty-five cents; certificates of strays, thirty-seven and an half cents; taking inspectors bonds, each justice twenty-five cents; probat of county clerk's bond, each justice twenty-five cents.

Justices to write probats, &c.

XXXII. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of all and every justice of the peace to write and prepare all probats, affidavits, supersedeases, and other instruments to be executed by them in virtue of this law, when required, except in cases of acknowledgment of deeds.

And take an oath, &c.

XXXIII. And be it enacted, That every justice of the peace, or associate justice, before he acts as such, shall take an oath, that he will not, directly or indirectly, receive any greater fee or reward for any thing in his office as justice of the peace than what is allowed by this act; and if any associate justice, or justice of the peace, by colour of his office, shall receive any fee or reward for any service not specified in this act, or if any associate justice, or justice of the peace, shall receive any greater fee or reward for any service mentioned in this act than is hereby allowed, he shall for-