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for the cost of such entry of motion, petition, or order, over and above the sum allowed by this act to be charged.

Officers, &c.
not to charge
larger fees
than rated,
&c.

XV. And be it enacted, That no officer or officers, their clerks, ministers, or servants, in this act mentioned, shall charge any other or larger fees than by this act are rated, regulated, and appointed; nor for any services mentioned in this act, unless actually done, under any pretence whatsoever; nor under any other denomination than mentioned in this act, unless the consent and approbation of the general assembly of this state be first had and obtained; and if any officer or officers, their servants, agents, ministers, or clerks, shall exact, extort, demand, or receive, any other or larger fee or fees than are herein before mentioned, or ask, charge, demand, or receive, any fee, by this act limited and appointed, without doing the actual service therefor, that then, and in such case, they shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds for each offence.

Officers to
take the fol-
lowing oath.

XVI. And be it enacted, That all officers mentioned in this act, who now are or shall be appointed to any of the offices aforesaid, shall, on or before the first day of March next, take the following oath before some judge or justice of the general or county court, or alderman of the city of Annapolis, who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same, under the penalty of five pounds for every neglect or refusal, viz. "You, A. B. do swear, that you will well, faithfully, and impartially, to the best of your skill and knowledge, execute your office, and that you will not, for lucre or malice, delay any person or persons applying to you for any business in your office; and that you will not, willingly or wittingly, charge, ask, take, exact, extort, demand, or receive, any other or larger fees for doing your duty in your office, than are mentioned, rated, regulated, and established, by the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees; and that you will not, willingly or wittingly, charge, ask, take, exact, extort, demand, or receive, any fee mentioned in the said act, unless the service to which such fee is annexed in the said act, is actually, really, and *bona fide*, done by yourself, deputy or clerks." And that as often as any person or persons shall be appointed to any of the said offices, they shall take the said oath before they enter into the execution of such office, and prior to their receiving any of the profits of any such office, under the penalty of fifty pounds for every neglect or refusal.

Accounts of
officers fees to
be made out
in words at
length.

XVII. And be it enacted, That accounts of all officers fees in this act mentioned, shall be made out in a fair and clear manner, and in words at length; and whenever any person or persons interested in them, or to whom the same shall be charged, shall reasonably require a copy of such account, the several officers shall and are hereby required to give such person so applying therefor, in as short a time as may be convenient, an account of such charge in words at length. And that all deputies and under clerks, writing in any of the offices aforesaid, or doing service in them, shall, before they enter into any the services aforesaid, or execute or perform any duty or services in any of the said offices, before some judge or justice of the general or county court, or alderman of the city of Annapolis (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same, under the penalty of twenty pounds for every