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C. H. A. P. XXXIII.

to the juries; commitment, one shilling; releasement, one shilling; attendance on valuations of orphans estates, per day ten shillings; return thereon, five shillings; venire to summons a jury in a forcible entry and detainer, five shillings; taking inquisition and return thereon, twenty shillings; warrant of restitution, five shillings; taking acknowledgment of any deed, each justice one shilling; taking any other acknowledgment, one shilling; taking appeal bond, two shillings; taking bail piece to the general court, each justice one shilling and six-pence; taking bail piece to county court, one shilling and six-pence; a pass, one shilling; certificate of strays, two shillings and six-pence; taking inspectors bonds, each justice two shillings; probate of county clerks bond, each justice two shillings.

Who are to take an oath, &c.

XXIV. 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 doing 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 forfeit fifty pounds current money for every such offence, but such justice shall not be liable to prosecution after twelve months from the time of the offence committed.

Commencement, &c.

XXV. This act to commence on the first day of March next, and to continue and be in force for three years.

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Passed December 21.

An ACT to lay a further tax on Harford county to complete the public buildings of said county.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it has been represented to this general assembly, by the justices of Harford county court, that the funds heretofore provided by law for erecting their public buildings have proved insufficient for the purpose, and that the further sum of five hundred pounds will be necessary to complete the said buildings; which sum the said justices have prayed they may be empowered to levy on the property of said county;

Justices to assess and levy money, &c.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the justices of Harford county court, at their next meeting after the passage of this act, be and they are hereby empowered to assess and levy on the property in said county, by an equal assessment, the sum of five hundred pounds current money, together with the sheriff's commission for collection; which said sum, so to be assessed and levied, shall be collected by the sheriff of said county in the same manner as the public and county assessments are by law collected, and the same, when collected, shall, by the said sheriff, be paid to the order of the said justices in court sitting, for the purpose of completing the said public buildings.

Surplus, how to be applied.

III. And be it enacted, That if the aforesaid sum of money should be more than sufficient to complete the said buildings, the surplus shall be applied in aid of the county charge.

C H A P. XXXV.

Passed December 21.

A further supplement to the act for establishing a company for opening and extending the navigation of the river Patowmack.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the president and directors of the Patowmack company, by their humble petition to this general assembly, and the general assembly of the commonwealth of Virginia, on behalf of the said company, for the facts and reasons therein set forth, have prayed, that acts of the said assemblies may pass lengthening the time for making and improving the navigation above the Great Falls of the said river; that none of the forty-six shares not already subscribed for, be taken up but on first paying the full amount of the previous calls,