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services; and in all cases of services rendered under the provisions of this act, in recording and correcting errors and defects by the late register, and the executors or administrators are deceased, and the estate insolvent, then and in such cases the fees due to the register for such services shall be and are hereby directed to be levied by the levy court of said county as other county charges are levied, and shall be collected in the same manner as other county levies are collected, and paid over to the present register.

Entries to be made in words at length, &c.

X. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases of error and defect remedied by this act, the said register shall enter in words at length, upon the record in each case, under the direction of the said orphans court, "defect in the form of oath, probat and so forth, as the case may be, cured by an act of assembly, passed November session, eighteen hundred;" the same entries shall be made in all cases of certified copies given under the seal of office by said register.

Certain entries to be valid, &c.

XI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where estates have not been heretofore finally settled, and the original evidences of claims against the estate of any deceased are lost or destroyed, and any entry of such evidences have been made in the hand writing of the late register in a book now in said office, purporting to be an account book, the said entries shall have the same validity as the original evidence might, could or ought to have, if the same had not been lost or destroyed.

A copy may be received, &c.

XII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in cases where no inventory has been returned, and the original inventory has been lost or destroyed, and the appraisers are deceased or removed, that a copy of said inventory, proved to the satisfaction of the court by the oath of a competent witness, may be received, at the discretion of the said orphans court, to be recorded, and when so received and recorded, shall be of the same effect and validity as if the original inventory had been received and recorded, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Court may receive proof, &c.

XIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in cases where no inventory has been returned, and the original inventory has been lost or destroyed, and no copy of the same has been preserved, and the appraisers are deceased or removed, the orphans court shall and may, at their discretion, receive such proof of the said inventory, and of its amount, as in their discretion shall seem reasonable, just and proper, and the said proof shall be entered of record, and when recorded shall be of the same effect as if the original inventory had been returned, filed and recorded, in due form of law.

Costs to be levied, &c.

XIV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the register of wills of Harford county shall lay before the levy court of said county the amount of costs of the books by him procured for the recording and certifying the proceedings in said office, and the said court shall levy the same, which shall be collected and paid over to the said register as other county charges are collected and paid over in said county.

No correction to be made, &c.

XV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no correction or entry of defect whatever shall be made by the register in virtue of this act unless under the authority and inspection of the orphans court of said county.

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Passed 19th of Dec. 1800.

An ACT to enable the mayor and city council of Baltimore to introduce water into the said city.

Preamble.

WHEREAS the conveying of water into the city of Baltimore, from the neighbouring springs or streams, will greatly contribute to the security of the said city from fire, and to the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof;

Mayor, &c. may contract, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore may, from time to time, and at all times hereafter, contract for, purchase, lease and hold, to them and their successors, in fee-simple, or for term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water and water-course, and also the right to use and occupy for ever, or for term of years, any land, real estate, spring, brook, water and water-course, which they may conceive expedient and necessary for the purpose of conveying water into the said city, for the use of the said city, and the health and convenience of the inhabitants thereof, and also the right to enter and pass through, from time to time, as occasion may require, to dig canals in, lay pipes, and cleanse and repair the same, and to use and occupy the lands or grounds through which they may deem it necessary to convey the said water into the said city.

III. AND