

CHAPTER 158.

1812.

*A Supplement to an act entitled, An act to direct the Register of Wills of Caroline county to keep his office in Denton in said county, and there to deposit the records, books and papers belonging to said office.*

Passed Jan. 4, 1812.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of Maryland, That it shall be the duty of the register of wills, of Caroline county, and he is hereby directed and required, from and after the first Monday of March next, to give daily attendance (Sundays excepted) himself or by a deputy, at his office in the town of Denton in said county, for the transaction of such business as appertains to his office; and if the said register of wills shall refuse or neglect to comply with the provisions of this act, he shall for such neglect or refusal forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding five dollars, for every day he shall so neglect or refuse to comply with the said provisions, to be recovered by indictment before the judges of the county court of said county, to be collected as other fines are, and applied to the use of said county; any thing in the act to which this is a supplement, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Register of wills shall attend daily at his office at Denton, either in person or by deputy. Penalty on neglect or refusal.

CHAPTER 159.

*An act for the encouragement of Learning in Cecil county.*

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WHEREAS, application has been made to this General Assembly by certain inhabitants of Cecil county, that a law may pass establishing an academy near Lower West-Nottingham Presbyterian meeting house, in said county; *And whereas,* The establishment of seminaries for the education of youth in this, as well as other countries has been of essential benefit to society, by bringing forward a succession of able and virtuous characters qualified to discharge the various duties of public and private life; *And whereas,* The general diffusion of scientific knowledge through such means, is the more essentially necessary in a country like ours, the perpetuity of whose happy government materially depends upon the religion, virtue and patriotism of the people at large, from whom all power in relation to the government emanates, and be-

Preamble.