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for dower: *And whereas*, by reason of the sudden death of the said David Taylor, his said widow was left destitute, the whole of his means having been expended in the purchase of said land, and she, the said widow being moreover advised that the said lands were liable to be escheated: *And whereas*, for the purpose of securing said lands for the benefit of said widow, the said Joseph Allender was induced to take out warrants of escheat on the said lands, which said warrants have from time to time been renewed: *And whereas*, the said Joseph Allender having been induced to pay the funeral expenses and other charges for the said David Taylor, deceased, was afterwards induced to advance considerable sums for the support of said widow, and finally on her wishing to return to Europe, the said Joseph Allender was induced to make a very large advance for that purpose, all which said advances were a sufficient and full consideration, and to the full value of the lands which have escheated to the state, and thereupon took from said widow an assignment or conveyance, of all her right, title, estate, interest, claim and demand, in and to the property as aforesaid of her deceased husband, as will appear by reference to the deed of said Jane Taylor, bearing date the 26th day of June, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and recorded among the land records of Cecil county in Liber J. S. No. 13, folio 442: *And whereas*, it appears to this General Assembly just and reasonable that the said Joseph Allender, in consideration of his aforesaid advances, should be indemnified from all loss arising therefrom—Therefore,

State right
relinquished.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That all the right, title and interest of the state of Maryland, in and to the aforesaid tracts of land, above described, be, and the same is hereby released to the said Joseph Allender, his heirs and assigns: *Provided always*, that nothing in this act contained shall be taken or construed to extend to destroy, or alter, or in any wise impair the rights or claims of any person or persons in and to the said property, prosecuted or acquired before the passage of this act.

Passed Feb.
13, 1824.

Account of
fees received.

CHAPTER 146.

An act to tax certain Offices.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the first day of March next it shall be the duty of the clerk of the Court of Appeals of the Western Shore, the clerk of the Court of Appeals of the Eastern Shore, the clerks of the several County Courts in this state, the clerk of the City Court of Baltimore, the Register in Chancery, and the Registers of Wills for the several counties in this state, to keep or cause to be kept, a fair and accurate account of all fees received by them, or by any person for them in their respective offices: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to include fees earned by the above named officers before the passage of this act.

Semi-annual
returns on
oath.

2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the several officers herein before named, to make, on the first Monday of October next, and on the first Mondays in April and October, in each and every year thereafter, returns of such accounts by them kept, to the Treasurer of the Western or Eastern Shore, on which each officer may respectively reside, verified and attested in the manner herein after directed, that is to say, such clerk or register and each assistant employed in his office, shall make oath or affirmation, as the case may be, before a justice of the peace, that the account annexed is a just and full account of all fees received in such office by him, them, or either