

rent of which shall be adequate to his reasonable support in any established hospital or asylum for the reception of insane or lunatic persons, it shall be the duty of the court to appoint a trustee of the estate of said lunatic or insane person, and to require of the said trustee a bond to the state of Maryland, in such penalty, and with such security, as the keeper shall approve, with condition that he will cause the said lunatic or insane person to be confined and supported in some hospital or asylum for the reception of insane or lunatic persons, until such person shall have recovered his reason; and that such trustee will faithfully administer, and fully account for all such estate, income and effects, of the said lunatic, as shall come to his possession, or be under his care or direction.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the trustees for the poor of the several counties in this state, and for Baltimore city and county, to receive the person or persons committed under the provisions of this law, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to provide for the necessary accommodation and support of such persons, and to levy the expense of the same upon their respective counties, or upon the city of Baltimore, as the case may be.

Trustees of poor to provide support for such persons, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect, or in any manner to interfere with, the powers of the chancellor in such cases, farther than, that the estate of such insane or lunatic person, if he hath any, shall be chargeable with the expenses of his commitment and confinement.

Nothing herein to interfere with powers of chancellor, &c.

CHAPTER 199.

AN ACT relating to the Courts of Equity in this State.

Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all cases where a bill of interpleader shall hereafter be filed in the high court of chancery, or in any of the county courts sitting as a court of chancery, and it shall appear by the bill, or other proceedings, that one or more of the defendants in the bill named are absent out of this state, that then it shall be the duty of the chancellor, or the county court, as the case may be, on receiving the answer or answers of the defendant or defendants who are in the state, to order that notice be given by publication, in the usual manner, to the absent defendant or defendants, of the object and substance of the bill, and of the answer or answers of the defendant or defendants in the state, and appoint some day not less than six months from the time of the publication of said order, for said absent defendant or defendants to appear and answer said bill; and if said absent defendant or defendants shall not answer said bill, on oath, on or before the day limited for him, her or them, to appear and

Proceedings in case of absence of defendants, &c.