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XXV.

and fifty pounds current money, before they enter on the execution of the said office, take the following oath before some judge or justice of the peace, or alderman of the city of Annapolis: "You, A. B. do swear, that you will well, faithfully and impartially, to the best of your skill and knowledge, execute your office, and that you will not, for lucre or malice, delay any person or persons applying to you for any business in your office; and that you will not willingly or wittingly charge, ask, take, exact, demand or receive, any other or larger fees for doing your duty in your office, than are mentioned, rated, regulated and established, by the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees."

Accounts of
officers fees
to be made
out in words
at length, &c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That accounts of all officers fees in this act mentioned, shall be made out in a fair and clear manner, and in words at length; and whenever any person or persons interested in them, or to whom the same shall be charged, shall require a copy of such account, the several officers shall and are hereby required to give such person so applying therefor, in as short a time as may be convenient, an account of such charge in words at length; and that all deputies and under clerks, writing in any of the offices aforesaid, or doing service in them, shall, before they enter into any the services aforesaid, or execute or perform any duty or services in any of the said offices, before some judge or justice of the general or county court, or alderman of the city of Annapolis (who is hereby authorized and required to administer the same, under the penalty of fifty pounds for every neglect or refusal) take the following oath, under the penalty of one hundred pounds for every refusal or neglect, viz. "You, A. B. do swear, that you will not, for lucre or malice, delay any person or persons applying to you for any business belonging to the office you officiate in; and that you will not, directly or indirectly, ask, take, exact, demand, or receive from, or charge to, any such person or persons, to your own use, any fee or reward whatsoever, for any services you shall do as deputy clerk of the said office; and also, that in making out of the office fees, you will not wittingly or willingly charge other or higher fees than limited by the act, entitled, An act for the regulation of officers fees." Which said oaths before mentioned shall be severally returned by the judge, justice, or alderman, before whom the same shall be taken, to the general court or county offices, as the case shall require, within twenty days after the taking thereof, under the penalty of twenty pounds for every neglect, and shall there be recorded by the clerk of such court, under the penalty of twenty pounds for every neglect.

Actions ended
before
judgment
not to be re-
corded, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That in all actions or suits brought or prosecuted, or hereafter to be brought or prosecuted, in any of the courts in this state, and the same are or shall be entered agreed, struck off, discontinued, or abated, or shall be otherwise ended, before final judgment or final decree, the proceedings shall not be recorded, unless at the request of the plaintiff or defendant, or his agent or attorney, signified in writing, directed to the clerk of the said courts respectively; and if the same proceedings be recorded without such request, no fees whatever shall be payable for such service; and all officers mentioned by this act shall be obliged to set up in the most public place of his office, and there constantly keep, a fair table of the fees rated and established by this act, under the penalty of fifty pounds for every month he shall neglect to do the same.

Fees on exe-
cution to be
sent out but
once a year,
&c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That no officer herein before mentioned, under the penalty of two hundred pounds for every offence, shall send out his fees on execution but once in every year, between the first day of January and the first day of March, during the continuance of this act; and the party charged, his body, goods or chattels, shall not be executed for any of the aforesaid fees, unless his account of such fees be delivered to him, or left at his last place of abode, on or before the first day of May in any year the said fees shall be sent out or demanded.

Surveyor not
to be paid for
erroneous cer-
tificates, &c.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That where any surveyor returns a certificate for the examination of the examiner-general, and the same shall be by him found erroneous, in such case the party, for whose use such survey is made, shall not be burthened