

1779. MARCH.

L A W S O F M A R Y L A N D.

C H A P
XV.
Papers to be
sorted, &c.

II. BE IT ENACTED, That the officer having the custody of the records and papers of the late provincial court shall, on or before the ninth day of April next, sort out, distribute, and separately and securely pack up, in a box to be prepared by him for that purpose, all the original papers in all actions, pleas, process and proceedings, formerly commenced in the provincial court, and now depending in the general court on the eastern shore, and the same so packed up and sorted shall, by or before the aforesaid ninth day of April next, safely transmit, under the care of some trusty person, to the clerk of the general court for the eastern shore; and the said person, so packing up and transmitting the papers aforesaid, shall have seventy-five pounds for his trouble and expences.

This and the succeeding section were repealed by May, 1788, ch. 9.

Papers in the
prerogative-office
to be packed
up, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the officer having the custody of the original papers in the late prerogative-office shall, on or before the first day of October next, sort out and pack up, in distinct parcels, all the original papers to each county belonging, or in any manner appertaining to the estates of deceased persons, which have been lodged in the late prerogative office, from the year seventeen hundred and sixty, and which estates may not have been finally settled, and such papers, so sorted, the officer aforesaid shall deposit in boxes or packages, to be prepared by him for that purpose, and the same shall safely transmit to the register of wills in each county in this state, and the register of wills in each county shall cause such original papers, contained in such box for his county, on receipt thereof, to be lodged in his office within ten days after the receipt thereof, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money; and the officer packing up and transmitting the papers last aforesaid, shall be entitled to three hundred pounds for his services.

Registers to se-
parate, &c. pa-
pers, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the register of wills for Frederick county shall, and he is hereby required, to separate, sort and pack up, all such papers as he shall receive from the officer aforesaid, and which shall relate to any estate in Montgomery and Washington counties, and transmit the same, within twenty days from his receipt thereof, to the register of wills for Montgomery and Washington counties respectively, under the penalty of twenty pounds; and the register of wills for Baltimore county shall, and he is hereby required, to separate, sort and pack up, all such papers as he shall receive from the officer aforesaid, and which may relate to any estate in Harford county, and transmit the same, within twenty days from his receipt thereof, to the register of wills for Harford county, under the penalty of twenty pounds; and the register of wills for Queen Anne's and Dorchester counties respectively, shall separate, sort and pack up, all such papers as they shall receive from the officer aforesaid, and which may relate to any estate in Caroline county, and transmit the same, within twenty days from the receipt thereof, to the register for Caroline county, under the penalty of twenty pounds; and the respective registers of wills for Frederick, Baltimore, Queen Anne's and Dorchester counties, shall be entitled to a reasonable reward for their services, to be assessed in their respective county levies.

C H A P. XVI.

An ACT for the payment of the journal of accounts. Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 151.

At a SESSION of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of MARYLAND,
begun and held at the City of ANNAPOLIS, on Thursday, the
22d of July, in the year of our Lord 1779, and ended the 15th
day of August, the following laws were enacted.

T H O M A S J O H N S O N, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

C H A P. I.

Passed 15th of
August, 1779.

An ACT to revive and continue the late act (a) of assembly to prevent distilling grain into spirit.
Lib. TBH. No. 1. fol. 152.

(a) The act of October, 1778, ch. 19, revived and continued from the 14th of August till the 15th of November then next.

C H A P.