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Punishment.

Proviso.

Regular practitioners.

Ibid s 3
Duty of judges.

2. It shall be the duty of the judges of the several circuit courts of this state and of the criminal court of Baltimore city, to give this act in charge of the grand jury of their respective courts, at each term of said courts.

In force and approved March 23, 1866.