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testimony concerning the ancient and reputed division of said counties, and the said commissioners, or a major part of them, are also hereby empowered to search the records of the general court, or any county court, or any other records that they may think calculated to afford information on the subject, for testimonials to ascertain the division line aforesaid, and shall be allowed at the rate of three dollars each per day, for their expenses, and may also appoint a clerk, who shall have the same allowance for his attendance, and all witnesses attending the said commissioners. shall be allowed the same, as witnesses attending the county courts, and shall if necessary have authority to appoint a surveyor and chain carriers who shall receive such compensation for their services as a majority of said commissioners may direct, the said expenses and all other charges accruing in consequence of this act, to be paid, one half by Anne-Arundel county, and the other half by Calvert county. And the said commissioners, or a major part of them, shall be, and they are hereby required to return their proceedings, together with the proofs whereon the same may be founded, to the next general assembly, for their approbation, and that the same division, if found reasonable, may be ratified and confirmed.

2. *And be it enacted*, That before the commissioners afore named proceed to act as such, they shall take the following oath (or affirmation,) I, A. B. do solemnly swear or affirm, (as the case may be,) that I will well and truly perform the duties of commissioner as prescribed by this act, without favour, affection, partiality or prejudice, to the best of my skill and judgment. Oath.

3. *And be it enacted*, That if any vacancy or vacancies shall occur in said commission, by the resignation, death or refusal to act or any other cause of one or more of the said commissioners, the governor and council are hereby authorised and required to fill such vacancy or vacancies so occurring, by appointing a commissioner or commissioners, as the case may be. Vacancy.

4. *And be it enacted*, That either of the said commissioners shall have power to administer the following oath, (or affirmation,) to such witnesses as may appear or be produced before them; you A. B. do solemnly swear or affirm, (as the case may be,) that the evidence you are about to give shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Oath.

CHAPTER 110.

An act relating to Chester Parish in Kent county.

WHEREAS, the vestry of Chester parish in Kent county, have represented that for several years past, the vestry of said parish have been elected at the chapel in Chester Town, instead of the parish church at J. U. and they are apprehensive that some difficulty in relation to their proceedings may hereafter occur in consequence of the elections being held as aforesaid; that the said parish church is in a dilapidated and ruinous condition; that the chapel is in good repair and is the only place in the parish where a regular Episcopal congregation now convenes; and the said vestry having prayed that a law might pass confirming the acts and proceedings of the vestry of the said parish, and authorising the elections hereafter to be held at the chapel in Chester Town; therefore,

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the acts, proceedings and doings of the vestry of Chester parish in Kent county, their officers or agents, heretofore had, made or done,

Passed Feb 3, 1823.
Preamble.

Confirmation.