

things at such time in each year as they shall think convenient, either at their court in course, or an adjourned court. C H A P.
XLIII.

XXVII. **And**, whereas some of the county courts may stand adjourned to a period subsequent to the time above specified for holding said court, **Be it enacted**, That the said courts, so adjourned, shall and they are hereby adjourned to the Monday next preceding the days above mentioned for holding the said courts respectively. Courts ad-
journed, &c.

XXVIII. **And**, as a fund towards payment of the above annual sums to the chief justices of the several districts, **Be it enacted**, That the following taxes shall be paid on the following process and proceedings in the county courts of this state, to wit: On every writ of ejectment, partition or dower, one dollar; on every writ of trespass *quare clausum fregit*, seventy-five cents; on every other original writ, twenty-five cents; on every appeal, writ of error, *habeas corpus*, *cum causa*, or *certiorari*, one dollar; on every commission to mark and bound lands, one dollar. Taxes on
process.

XXIX. **And be it enacted**, That the said taxes shall be paid to the clerks of the respective counties at the time of issuing the said process or commissions, or of entering the said appeals, or producing the said writs of error, *habeas corpus*, or *certiorari*, by the persons applying for the said process or commissions, or desiring the said appeal to be entered, or producing the said writs of error, *habeas corpus*, or *certiorari*, and shall be allowed and taxed in the costs of suit; and the clerk of every county shall, every six months, settle his accounts, on oath or affirmation, with the treasurer of his shire, and shall pay the sum adjusted to the said treasurer, for the use of the chief justice of his district, within thirty days after such settlement, on the penalty of paying twenty *per cent.* on the money in his hands; and every county clerk may retain at the rate of three *per cent.* for his trouble in receiving and paying the said fees according to this act. To be paid to
the clerks,
&c.

XXX. **And be it enacted**, That the justices of the peace for the several counties, at the time of laying their county assessment for the year seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, and every year thereafter, shall ascertain the amount of the money collected in their county from the tax herein before imposed, by a certificate from the clerk of their county, and thereupon the said justices, after deducting the sum so paid by their clerk, shall lay such sum on their county as will make up the deficiency of the sum payable by their county as aforesaid towards the annual allowance to the chief justice of their district, and the aforesaid commission for collection; and if there shall be any surplus of the money paid into the treasury by the clerk of any county, beyond what will pay the quota of such county, the said surplus shall be applied to the use of the said county. Justices to as-
certain the
amount, &c.

XXXI. **And**, whereas the office and duties of justices of the peace are considerably increased in the several counties of this state, and it is reasonable that every person who dedicates his time or labour to the public should receive a reasonable and adequate compensation for his services, **Be it enacted**, That it shall and may be lawful for the several justices of the peace, and associate justices, in the several counties of this state, to ask and receive the fees allowed and limited by this act, for services expressed in the following table, and such fees shall be taxed and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be rendered, to wit: For issuing a warrant for debt, twelve and an half cents; for every summons, including all the witnesses applied for at the same time, twelve and an half cents; *venire* to summon freeholders, twenty cents; *capias ad satisfaciendum*, twelve and an half cents; *fieri facias*, twelve and an half cents; *scire facias*, twelve and an half cents; recognizance for defendant's appearance, twelve and an half cents; supersedeas of judgment in the general or county court, each justice twelve and an half cents; every oath or affidavit, six cents; probate of account, six cents; every judgment rendered, twelve and an half cents; commitment, twelve and an half