

## 1789. — Chapter 45.

[January Session, ch. 19.]

AN ACT MAKING COMPENSATION TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR HIS SERVICES.

Annual salary of the Attorney General.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing this Act there shall be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this Commonwealth, annually, the sum of three hundred pounds lawfull money to the Attorney General, in full compensation for his services, to be paid in quarterly payments, as the same shall become due.*

Fees of the Attorney General.

*And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that in all bills of cost in criminal prosecutions, before the Supreme Judicial Court in this Commonwealth the sum of fifteen shillings shall be taxed for the fees of the Attorney General, without any allowance of travel; and all fees thus received by the said Attorney General shall be accounted for by him, annually, with the Treasurer of this Commonwealth.*

— To be by him accounted for.

February 27, 1790.

## 1789. — Chapter 46.

[January Session, ch. 20.]

AN ACT AUTHORIZING JUDGES OF PROBATE TO DISMISS GUARDIANS FROM THEIR GUARDIANSHIP IN CERTAIN CASES.

Preamble.

*Whereas the several Judges of the Probate of Wills in this Commonwealth are by law authorized to appoint Guardians to Minors in certain cases, persons who spend their estates by excessive drinking, idleness or debauchery, Idiots, non compus mentis or lunatic persons, and doubts have arisen whether the said Judges of probate have any authority to displace such Guardians in any cases whatever, which may operate to the disadvantage not only of the Bondsmen but of the Ward also.*

Judge of Probate authorized to dismiss Guardians in certain cases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, that from and after the passing this act, each and every Judge of Probate within this Commonwealth be, and hereby is fully authorized to dismiss any such Guardian, appointed by himself or his predecessor in that Office, whenever it may appear to the said Judge, that*