

pay such owners of real estate in Hagerstown whose property has been used, the rents that have been or may hereafter be agreed upon for all rooms or offices that shall have been or may hereafter be, at any time, occupied by the Circuit Court for Washington county as a court room for holding court, jury rooms, and for any other purposes for said court; the Orphans' Court of said county, the Register of Wills, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, the Sheriff of said county, as well as the County Commissioners, from the sixth day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and until the completion of suitable places for them respectively in the court house to be erected in said town, in the place of the one destroyed by fire.

Authorized
to employ
watchman.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Clerk and the Register of Wills aforesaid are hereby authorized to employ one man as a watchman, whose duty it shall be to remain in a proper place during night time, to be provided by said Clerk and Register from the passage of this Act, until the completion of the new court house, or as long as his services may be required, to watch and guard the public records of the respective offices of Register of Wills and Clerk of the Circuit Court aforesaid, from loss by fire, theft, or otherwise.

To qualify.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the person so employed, before he enters upon the discharge of the duties as such watchman, shall take and subscribe before the said clerk an oath or affirmation that he will be at his post of duty every night, commencing at nightfall, and remain on duty all night and until relieved by the janitor of said Clerk and Register, and that he will well and faithfully watch and guard the public records in the office and vaults of said Clerk and Register from loss by fire, theft, or otherwise; said person to be under the general direction and control of said Clerk and Register, subject to removal for neglect of duty, or otherwise; said Clerk and Register, in case of removal of any person employed under the provisions of this Act, to have full power and authority to fill the vacancy thus created, or the vacancies in case of death of any person so employed.

To fill
vacancy.