

# ARTICLE XX.

## CONSTABLES.

### Qualification.

1. Declaration of belief and oath.
2. Official bond.
- 3 Additional, when to be appointed.

### Execution of Process and Collection of Debts.

4. To execute civil and criminal process from justices of the peace.
5. Penalty for neglect so to do.
6. To levy executions.
7. Authority within district; liability of bond
8. Penalty for neglect to return execution.
9. Remedy over by constable.
10. To serve distress.
11. Receipt for claims for collection
12. Death of constable before making levy.
13. Death before making sale.
14. Poundage fees in this case.

### Suits on Bond and Remedies Against.

15. Bond of defaulting constable may be sued.

- 16 Certificate of clerk as to securities.
17. Constable's receipt of claim *prima facie* evidence against him.
18. Defenses of constable
19. Suit on other bonds of constable.
20. Suit against constable for money collected.
21. Execution without *supersedeas* on judgments against

### Police Duties of Constables.

22. They shall be sworn to grand jury.
23. Shall visit suspected gambling places.
- 24 They shall arrest parties vending goods from place to place without license.
25. Shall inform against non-residents retailing spirituous liquors.
26. May, upon complaint, inspect retailers' measures
27. Shall deliver to sheriff persons committed to their custody.

### Qualification.

1888, art. 20, sec. 1. 1860, art. 23, sec. 1. 1852, ch. 172, sec. 5. 1854, ch. 18, sec. 9.

1. Every constable appointed shall, within thirty days after his appointment, make the declaration of religious belief and take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the constitution.

Ibid. sec. 2. 1809, ch. 117, secs 2, 3. 1835, ch 201, sec. 16. 1835, ch. 342 1854, ch. 148.

2. Every constable shall also, before he acts as such, give bond to the State of Maryland, with good and sufficient