

*Coroners.*—Justices of the peace now act as coroners in the several counties; it is a fee office; their duties, to hold inquests on bodies of certain deceased persons; but coroners not to hold inquest where cause of death is by accident, violence or in other manner, except when the party died in jail, or a strong suspicion exists that the party came to his death by a felony; bond, \$3,000, to be approved by the judges of the Orphans' Court, and recorded in the Superior Court in Baltimore city, or in the Circuit Court in the counties; the coroner may compel the attendance of a physician; the coroner must have the deceased buried; the coroner shall act in the place of the sheriff when he is disqualified. Article 22 of the Code. There are four coroners for the city of Baltimore at \$600 a year; bond of \$2,000 required, to be approved by the judge of the Superior Court. P. L. L., Article 4, section 148.

*County Commissioners.*—County commissioners are a body corporate; elected by the people, and their terms are six years; vacancies are filled by the Governor; they shall make the annual levy before the first of July in each year; they shall provide for the collection of the levy; provide for the county expenditures; pay no claim without a voucher; shall publish annually a statement, minute and detailed, of expenses; they shall not be interested in any contracts with the county; shall have control of the public roads, bridges, and the assessment of property; may appoint commissioner to drain lands; may establish meridian lines; open private road where land owner or occupants are entitled to road to public places; may establish public landings; establish and control almshouses; buy a lot for school purposes; impose the State taxes; provide public ferries; may suspend sales of property advertised for sale for non-payment of taxes; may provide for the taxation of dogs; must provide a safe repository for wills; must appoint a keeper of weights and measures. No bond; salary in the several counties variable. Articles 25, 4, 5, 22, 24 26, 30, 33, 35, 37, 39, 43, 51, 59, 77, 81, 93, 97, of the Code.

*County School Commissioners.*—Appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice of the Senate; they have general supervision and control of all schools in their respective counties. In the city of Baltimore, the school commissioners are appointed by the City Council; the county school boards appoint the trustees of schools in the several districts, and have right of appointment of teachers and the selection of a school examiner. Article 77, Code. Salary not over \$100, at \$4 per day each day the board is in session; no bond; term begins August first and continues until their successors are selected and have qualified. Act of 1892, chapter 341.