

cuse for non-return on time, when properly certified; the sheriff is liable to \$200 fine for failure to return writs received from other counties; in case of death, resignation, or removal from the county or city, the unexecuted writs are to be returned to the clerk of the court; duplicate writs must be issued to successor where the sheriff removes without making any returns; return may be amended in case of death, resignation, or removal of sheriff; his successors may execute deeds for lands sold, but not conveyed; *venditioni exponas* may be issued to successor; the sheriff must execute the death penalty and make return thereof to the court; he must remove convicts to the penitentiary; the sheriff must collect the fees of attorneys, clerks of all the courts, Commissioner of the Land Office, coroners, criers, registers of wills, surveyors and sheriffs, except in Baltimore city and Harford county, when placed in his hands for collection; said collection to be made between January 1st and May 1st of each year; he may distrain for these fees after sixty days' notice; he may distrain immediately where debtor for such fees absconds; he may sell the goods distrained for; he shall account for the fees, and, if demanded, twenty days before meeting of court is made, and the sheriff does not settle for such fees, judgment may be had against him for them; he may have a jury trial; he shall have one year after expiration of office to collect his fees; he shall be answerable for fines and penalties when imposed by the court; he may require State's Attorney to issue executions for them; such executions are returnable at the next term of court. These fines and penalties shall be paid into the State Treasury, annually, by the tenth of November. The Sheriff shall deduct the costs from forfeited and collected recognizances. These shall be paid to County Commissioners and Mayor and City Council of Baltimore; he shall safely keep all prisoners committed to his custody; he shall provide for them food and board; he shall receive and keep prisoners committed to him by federal courts; he is entitled to thirty cents a day for keeping federal prisoners. (Article 87 of the Code.)

*State Fishery Force.*—The board of public works is empowered to appoint a suitable person as commander of the force; deputy commander for one steamer, and a deputy for each sloop in the respective districts. The waters of the State are divided into seven districts as follows: First, Kent and Queen Anne's; second, Queen,