

All public commissions and grants shall be signed by the Governor, with the seal of the State annexed. (Article IV, section 13, Constitution.)

The Governor shall take and subscribe to the oath of office on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M., in the Senate Chamber, before the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals, or, in case of his inability to attend, before one of the Associate Justices of the Court. (Article 70, section 1, P. G. L.)

The Great Seal shall only be affixed to documents such as are signed by the Governor. On presentation to him of a patent by the Commissioner of the Land office, certified by such Commissioner as proper to be issued, the Governor shall cause the Great Seal to be affixed to it. The Great Seal can be affixed by the Governor to certified copies of the laws and resolutions. (Article 41, sections 2, 3, 4, P. G. L.)

Death warrants shall be issued by the Governor whenever sentence of death is pronounced on any criminal by judgment of a Court of the State. The Governor must designate the time of execution to the Sheriff. (Article 41, section 5, P. G. L.)

Death sentences may be commuted to the penitentiary or banishment by the Governor, or he may pardon persons sent to the penitentiary, or remit part of the sentence of confinement. (Acts 1870, 306, and Art. 42, P. G. L., sec. 6.)

Convicts who violate the conditions of their pardons may be arrested and convicted, and sentenced for their original crime. (Article 41, section 8, P. G. L.)

Forfeited recognizances may be remitted in whole or in part, by the Governor; provided, the judge of the Court in which such forfeiture occurred shall recommend the remission of the whole, or some part thereof. Parts of fines belonging to an informer may not be remitted by the Governor, but he may remit part or all of a fine not belonging to an informer. No *nolle prosequi* shall be granted by the Governor, except on payment of costs of prosecution by the person applying for the same. The Governor may remit the whole or any part of any fine imposed by any militia court-martial. (Article 41, sections 8, 9, 10, 11, P. G. L.)