

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
Judicial officers: Appointment and compensation. Investigation of expenses by Judges.	Sec. 9. The Judge, or Judges of any Court, may appoint such officers for their respective Courts as may be found necessary; and such officers of the Courts in the City of Baltimore shall be appointed by the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to prescribe, by Law, a fixed compensation for all such officers; and said Judge, or Judges shall, from time to time, investigate the expenses, costs and charges of their respective courts, with a view to a change or reduction thereof, and report the result of such investigation to the General Assembly for its action.	Sec. 9. The Judge, or Judges of any Court, may appoint such officers for their respective Courts as may be found necessary; and such officers of the Courts in the City of Baltimore shall be appointed by the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to prescribe, by Law, a fixed compensation for all such officers; and said Judge, or Judges shall, from time to time, investigate the expenses, costs and charges of their respective courts, with a view to a change or reduction thereof, and report the result of such investigation to the General Assembly for its action.	Sec. 10. The Judge or Judges of any Court may appoint such officers for their respective Courts, as may be found necessary, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to prescribe by law a fixed compensation for all such officers.
Clerks of Courts: Responsibilities; visitatorial rights and regulation by Judges.	Sec. 10. The Clerks of the several Courts, created, or continued by this Constitution, shall have charge and custody of the records and other papers, shall perform all the duties, and be allowed the fees, which appertain to their several offices, as the same now are, or may hereafter be regulated by Law. And the office and business of said Clerks, in all their departments, shall be subject to the visitatorial power of the Judges of their respective Courts, who shall exercise the same, from time to time, so as to insure the faithful performance of the duties of said officers; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of said Courts respectively, to make, from time to time, such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the government of said Clerks,	Sec. 10. The Clerks of the several Courts, created, or continued by this Constitution, shall have charge and custody of the records and other papers, shall perform all the duties, and be allowed the fees, which appertain to their several offices, as the same now are, or may hereafter be regulated by Law. And the office and business of said Clerks, in all their departments, shall be subject to the visitatorial power of the Judges of their respective Courts, who shall exercise the same, from time to time, so as to insure the faithful performance of the duties of said offices; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of said Courts respectively, to make, from time to time, such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the government of said Clerks,	Sec. 13. The Clerks of the several Courts created or continued by this Constitution, shall have charge and custody of the Records and other papers, shall perform all the duties and be allowed the fees which appertain to their several offices as the same now are or may hereafter be regulated by law. Sec. 40. The present Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city and of the Court of Common Pleas, and of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, shall continue to act as Clerks of said Courts respectively during the time for which they were severally elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of either of said Clerks before the expiration of the time

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
Sec. 16. That the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in the several counties, shall respectively perform all the duties and be entitled to the fees which appertain to the offices of the Clerks of Court of Appeals for the Eastern and Western Shores and of the Clerks of County Courts, and the Clerks of the Court of Common Pleas, the Superior Court, and the Criminal Court for Baltimore City, shall perform all the duties appertaining to their respective offices, and heretofore vested in the Clerks of Baltimore County Court and Baltimore City Court respectively, and be entitled to all the fees now allowed by law; and all laws relating to the Clerks of Court of Appeal, Clerks of the several County Courts and Baltimore City	47. That the judges of the general court and justices of the county courts may appoint the clerks of their respective courts, and in case of refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the State, or from their respective shores, of the clerk of the general court, or either of them, in the vacation of the said court; and in case of the refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county of any of the said county clerks in the vacation of the county court of which he is clerk, the governor with the advice of the council may appoint and commission a fit and proper person to such vacant office respectively, to hold the same until the meeting of the next general court or county court, as the case may be.	