

the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor in office, and on conviction thereof he shall be removed.

6. The Comptroller shall furnish each officer of the State whose accounts are in arrears, at least sixty days prior to a general election, a full statement of his accounts, and in default of his accounting for such deficiencies within thirty days, then it shall be the duty of the Comptroller to have published weekly for one month in one or more newspapers in the several counties of this State and the city of Baltimore, the names and titles of said officers, with the amount of such deficiencies.

7. The committees on elections of the two houses of the General Assembly shall, at every session thereof, ascertain from an examination of the books of the Treasury whether any member elect of their respective houses is in default to the treasury, and if so, report the same to their respective houses.

8. The writ of quo warranto shall be deemed and taken as sufficient for the institution, prosecution and decision of the inquiry herein authorized and commanded.

9. Nothing contained in this article shall invalidate any act done by any officer within the scope of his authority, so long as his commission shall be unannulled as herein provided.

10. No postmaster or his deputies, nor marshal or his deputies, shall hold any office under the Government of this State, or exercise any of the functions of any officer, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every offence, to be recovered by indictment in the Circuit Court for the county where the offence may be committed, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore if committed in said city.

11. No sheriff, constable or collector of taxes shall, while he continues in office, purchase any debt or claim held by or due from any person residing in the county or city wherein he is sheriff, constable or collector of taxes, under the penalty of fifty dollars for each offence.