

that any seaman whose name appears subscribed thereto has actually signed said article.

10. When the testimony of any master of a vessel, or other transient person, shall be deemed by a justice of the peace before whom a prosecution is commenced, to be necessary at the trial of the case, such justice of the peace shall have power, after five days' notice to the party accused, to summon such witnesses before a justice of the peace to give evidence in the same manner as if examined in open court; the accused having the right to cross-examine the witness; the evidence shall be certified and sealed up by the justice of the peace, and shall be used on the trial of the case; *Provided*, the party prosecuting makes oath that the witness whose examination has been taken is not at the time of trial within the jurisdiction of this State.

ARTICLE LXXXVI.

Secretary of State.

SEC. 1. The Secretary of State shall have a seal for his department, for the authentication of copies of records or papers in his office; but no copy of a record or paper shall be given out or certified by him of any order, entry or action of the Governor, without the approbation of the Governor.

2. He shall record all commissions to civil officers issued by the Governor in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, and shall transmit the same to the clerks of the several Circuit Courts for the counties, and of the Superior Court of Baltimore city.

3. He shall preserve the reports of the clerks of said courts transmitted to him from time to time of the qualification of officers, and shall be competent to certify to their characters and qualifications equally with the said clerks.