

city, or the judge of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, if he be elected for said city, with condition that he shall well and faithfully execute the office of sheriff of ——— county, or the city of Baltimore, in all things appertaining thereto, and shall well and truly perform all the duties required by law to be by him performed.

3. He shall give such bond in each year of his sheriffalty before the first day of January in each year; and the bond shall be recorded by the clerk administering the oath of office.

4. If any sheriff shall fail to give the bond herein required, the office shall be deemed vacant.

5. Before acting as sheriff, he shall also, under the penalty of fifty dollars, take the following oath: "I, A. B., do swear, that in the summoning of jurors for any purpose, I will use my utmost diligence to summon and return as jurors sober, intelligent, and judicious persons, of good reputation and character for honesty and impartiality, to serve as jurors; and that I will not summon, (or permit any officer under me to summon) any juror who in my judgment will be influenced in determining any of the matters which shall come before him as a juror, by hatred, malice, or ill will, fear, favor, or affection, or by any partiality whatever, and that I will not summon or return as a juror any person who, in my opinion, or to my knowledge, may have solicited to be returned on the panel of jurors, or may have been recommended or requested to be returned by another person." The above oath shall be taken before the clerk, and be by him recorded.

6. On the return of jurors to each term of the court to which the same may be returned, the sheriff shall take in open court an oath, in the precise form of the oath prescribed in the preceding section, except substituting the words "I have not summoned" for "I will not."

7. The oath mentioned in the last preceding section may be made by the sheriff before the clerk at the time he makes his return of jurors, instead of making it in open court, in cases where the sheriff cannot possibly attend the court by reason of sickness or other causes, and in no other cases.