

20. The court imposing the fine for the contempt mentioned in the last preceding section, shall certify the same to the Circuit Court of the county where the sheriff resides; or if he resides in the city of Baltimore, to the Superior Court of Baltimore city; and upon the receipt of such certificate by the court to which it may be sent, the said court shall forthwith compel the payment of the same in the same manner as if the fine had been imposed by such court.

21. The sheriff may return any writ or other process sent from another county or city, to the clerk of the court to which the same may be returnable, by mail, in a cover sealed up and duly addressed; but the non-return of such process by the time hereinbefore limited, shall not be excused by any evidence which such sheriff may offer, to prove that such writ or process was deposited in the post office to be so transmitted, except the positive affidavit in writing of the said sheriff himself, setting forth substantially the process so transmitted, the return endorsed thereon, the manner in which the same was covered and addressed, and the actual time when the same was deposited in the post office.

22. If the court before which said sheriff shall be brought for contempt, shall be satisfied of the facts contained in such affidavit, and that such process was deposited in the proper post office in due time, to be transmitted to the court to which the same was returnable, the said court may remit the fine aforesaid and discharge the sheriff from the attachment, on payment of the costs arising from the proceedings had in consequence of the non-return of the writ or process; and the court shall direct the affidavit to be filed, and their judgment in relation thereto to be entered on the record of their proceedings; but nothing herein contained shall, in any manner, affect the remedy given the party grieved by the next succeeding section, for the neglect or delay of the sheriff in not making a due return of said process.

23. When any process shall be issued from any Circuit Court of a county, or the Court of Common Pleas, or the Superior Court of Baltimore city, or the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, directed to the sheriff of another county or the said city, and the sheriff to whom the same shall be directed shall neglect to make due return thereof to the court to which such process may be made returnable, such court may on motion and on proof of the delivery of such process to said sheriff, amerce said sheriff