

49. In all cases of distress or execution for officers' fees, the sheriff may sell the goods and chattels distrained or executed at public auction, five days after the same are so taken, unless such officers' fees are paid; but the sheriff shall not charge any fees for such distress, execution or sale.

50. The sheriff shall, before the first day of November in each year, account with and pay over to each officer who may have placed fees in his hands for collection; and if any sheriff shall refuse or neglect to pay over officers' fees he has received or collected, or ought to have collected, the person entitled to receive the same may apply to the Circuit Court of the county or the court in the city of Baltimore having jurisdiction over the amount claimed, and such court shall render judgment against such sheriff for the amount due from him; *Provided*, that no such judgment shall be entered unless the person applying for the same shall exhibit to the court an account of the sum due, verified by affidavit, and such other proof as the court may require, and shall also prove to the satisfaction of the court, that he has served a copy of such account on said sheriff and demanded payment thereof at least twenty days before the meeting of the court at which the application is made.

51. If such sheriff shall controvert the demand, and desire a jury to be empanelled, the court shall direct a jury to be immediately empanelled to try an issue whether the said sheriff be chargeable with and liable to pay any and what sum of money to the person so claiming, and authorized to receive the same, and the court shall pass judgment on the verdict of the jury as in other cases, and award execution; and no execution issued on any judgment rendered under this or the preceding section shall be stayed by writ of error, supersedeas, injunction or appeal.

52. Any sheriff whose term has expired, shall have the same power to collect his own fees or any officers' fees previously placed in his hands for collection for one year thereafter, that he had during the time he was sheriff, and may distrain or execute for the same in the same manner as if his commission had not expired.

53. If any sheriff shall die, his administrator may collect all fees placed in the hands of such sheriff for collection, in the same manner and by the same means as said sheriff might have done in his lifetime; *Provided*, the power to execute or distrain