

appointed, with the same power and effect in all respects as if the same were exercised in the county or city for which he may be appointed.

1904, art. 68, sec. 9. 1888, art. 68, sec. 9. 1862, ch. 108.

**9.** It shall not be lawful for any notary public to sign and issue any protest not previously stamped with the stamp of the comptroller, and any notary public who shall violate this provision shall, for every such offense, be liable to a fine of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment in the circuit court for the county or in the criminal court of Baltimore, as the case may be, one-half for the use of the State and one-half for the informer, but in no action or other proceedings in law or equity shall any protests be rejected as evidence, if otherwise admissible, on account of the absence of the stamp of the comptroller therefrom.

Ibid. sec. 10. 1902, ch. 112, sec. 12. 1904, ch. 15. 1906, ch. 98.

**10.** Fifteen women, in all other respects qualified, and no more, shall be eligible as notaries public in the city of Baltimore, and five women, in other respects qualified, and no more, shall be eligible as a notary public in each of the counties of the State; provided, that the provisions of this section shall not apply to Washington county.

Ibid. sec. 11. 1902, ch. 96.

**11.** All official acts heretofore done by women notaries public are hereby declared valid if any such act should have been done or performed by a man notary public appointed under the laws of this State.