

signature, it may be returned to the legislature at the request of both houses for amendment, and thereafter validly passed. *Baltimore Warehouse Co. v. Canton Lumber Co.*, 118 Md. 141.

This section referred to in construing article 15 of the declaration of rights—see notes thereto. *State v. C. & P. R. R. Co.*, 40 Md. 53 (dissenting opinion).

See notes to article 3, section 30.

See article 8 of the declaration of rights.

Sec. 18. It shall be the duty of the Governor, semi-annually (and oftener, if he deems it expedient), to examine under oath the Treasurer and Comptroller of the State on all matters pertaining to their respective offices, and inspect and review their bank and other account books.

See article 6 of the Maryland constitution.

As to the treasurer, see article 95 of the Annotated Code.

As to the comptroller, see article 19 of the Annotated Code.

Sec. 19. He shall, from time to time, inform the Legislature of the condition of the State, and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may judge necessary and expedient.

Sec. 20. He shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons, except in cases of impeachment, and in cases in which he is prohibited by other Articles of this Constitution; and to remit fines and forfeitures for offences against the State; but shall not remit the principal or interest of any debt due the State, except in cases of fines and forfeitures; and before granting a *nolle prosequi*, or pardon, he shall give notice, in one or more newspapers, of the application made for it, and of the day on or after which his decision will be given; and in every case in which he exercises this power, he shall report to either Branch of the Legislature, whenever required, the petitions, recommendations and reasons which influenced his decision.

Sec. 21. The Governor shall reside at the seat of government, and receive for his services an annual salary of four thousand five hundred dollars.

Sec. 22. A Secretary of State shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall continue in office, unless sooner removed by the Governor, till the end of the official term of the Governor from whom he received his appointment, and receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars, and shall reside at the seat of government; and the office of Private Secretary shall thenceforth cease.

See notes to article 2, section 15.

See article 85 of the Annotated Code.

Sec. 23. The Secretary of State shall carefully keep and preserve a record of all official acts and proceedings, which may at all times be inspected by a committee of either branch of the Legislature; and he shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, or as may properly belong to his office, together with all clerical duty belonging to the Executive Department.

The record kept by the secretary of state under this section is competent evidence to prove that a bill was presented to the Governor for his approval on a day other than the day endorsed thereon. *Lankford v. Somerset County*, 73 Md. 108.