

said deficiencies; and the cost of advertisement of the account of every such defaulter may be recovered in the name of the State against the official bond of such defaulter; but no defaulter whose accounts have remained unsettled for over five years shall be advertised.

An. Code, sec. 7. 1904, sec. 7. 1888, sec. 7. 1856, ch. 16, sec. 9.

7. The committees on elections of the two houses of the general assembly shall, at every session thereof, ascertain from an examination of the books of the treasury, whether any member elect of their respective houses is in default to the treasury and, if so, report the same to their respective houses.

An. Code, sec. 8. 1904, sec. 8. 1888, sec. 8. 1856, ch. 16, sec. 6.

8. The writ of *quo warranto* shall be deemed and taken as sufficient for the institution, prosecution and decision of the inquiry herein authorized and commanded.

An. Code, sec. 9. 1904, sec. 9. 1888, sec. 9. 1856, ch. 16, sec. 7.

9. Nothing contained in this article shall invalidate any act done by any officer within the scope of his authority so long as his commission shall be unannulled as herein provided.

An. Code, sec. 10. 1904, sec. 10. 1888, sec. 10. 1832, ch. 260.

10. No postmaster or his deputies, nor United States marshal or his deputies shall hold any office under the government of this State or exercise any of the functions of any officer, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every offense; to be recovered by indictment in the circuit court for the county where the offense may be committed, or in the criminal court of Baltimore, if committed in said city.

An. Code, sec. 11. 1904, sec. 11. 1888, sec. 11. 1805, ch. 107.

11. No sheriff, constable or collector of taxes shall, while he continues in office, purchase any debt or claim held by or due from any person residing in the county or city wherein he is sheriff, constable or collector of taxes, under the penalty of fifty dollars for each offense.

An. Code, sec. 12. 1904, sec. 12. 1900, ch. 356, sec. 12.

12. No person shall be appointed to any office in the State of Maryland who has not been an actual *bona fide* resident of this State for at least twelve months prior to the day of his appointment, and no person shall be appointed by any State or county officials unless such person so appointed shall have been an actual *bona fide* resident of the State of Maryland for at least twelve months, and of the county wherein he is appointed for at least six months prior to the day of his appointment. This section shall not affect appointments of officers requiring special knowledge or training, or the appointment to offices requiring expert knowledge or training.