

An. Code, sec. 25. 1904, sec. 25. 1888, sec. 24. 1829, ch. 39.

25. If any sheriff shall take any goods, chattels, lands or tenements in virtue of any execution and shall die, resign or remove from the county or Baltimore city before the same are sold, and the goods, chattels, lands or tenements shall be insufficiently or informally described in the schedule returned by such sheriff, the court from which such execution issued or the judge thereof during the recess shall order the schedule and return of any such sheriff to be amended so as to describe with sufficient certainty the property purporting to be taken in virtue of such writ.

An. Code, sec. 26. 1904, sec. 26. 1888, sec. 25. 1813, ch. 102, sec. 4.

26. If any sheriff shall make sale of any lands or tenements and shall die without executing a deed of conveyance to the purchaser, the court out of which the execution issued under which the lands were sold may, on the application of the purchaser or his legal representative order and direct the sheriff for the time being, or some one of the coroners (as the case may be), of the county or Baltimore city in which the lands or tenements lie, to execute a deed of conveyance to the purchaser or his legal representative. This section shall apply to all officers making sales under executions.

Execution of Death Penalty.

An. Code, sec. 28. 1904, sec. 28. 1888, sec. 27. 1795, ch. 82, sec. 1. 1882, ch. 403.

27. The sheriff shall execute the sentence of death pronounced against any criminal by the judgment of any court of this State whenever he is authorized to do so by the warrant of the governor, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff to execute every such sentence of death in as private a manner as possible and to exclude from the view thereof all persons except his deputies, the spiritual advisers of the criminal, the legal counsel who defended him, his or her relatives (not more remote than the second degree of either affinity or consanguinity), and such other persons, not exceeding twenty, as he may appoint to witness the same; and the said sheriff shall notify the physician of the jail, if there be any, or if there be no such physician or he refuse to attend the execution, then said sheriff shall procure some other physician of good standing to attend and furnish him a certificate that the execution was properly performed, and for said service said physician shall receive the sum of fifteen dollars, to be paid by the county or Baltimore city where said execution takes place (as the case may be); and said sheriff shall return the execution of the sentence under said warrant, verified by his oath, to the court which sentenced said prisoner, together with said physician's certificate, which, with said return shall be recorded by the clerk among the proceedings in the case.

Removal of Convicts to the Penitentiary.

An. Code, sec. 29. 1904, sec. 29. 1888, sec. 28. 1809, ch. 138, sec. 27.

28. Every person convicted in any court of this State and sentenced to undergo a confinement in the penitentiary shall, as soon as possible after conviction, be safely removed by the sheriff of the county where such