Id s 5 1856, c 16, s 5. State's attorneys to assue. 5. The State's attorneys for the several counties and for the city of Baltimore, whenever they shall be informed that any one has been commissioned in their respective counties or the said city who was at the time of his election or appointment to office in default to the treasury of the State for not accounting for and paying over to the treasury any moneys which he ought to have accounted for and paid into the treasury, shall cause inquiry to be made of the comptroller for a statement of the account of the party so commissioned, and if it shall appear from the certificate of the comptroller that said person is in default, shall cause the proceeding to be had authorized by the preceding section, and the failure of any State's attorney to comply with the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor in office, and, on conviction thereof, he shall be removed.

1876, c 206. Comptroller to furnish accounts

Publication.

6. The comptroller shall furnish each officer of the State, whose accounts are in arrears, at least sixty days prior to a general election, a full statement of his accounts, and, in default of his accounting for such deficiencies within thirty days, then it shall be the duty of the comptroller to have published weekly, for one month, in one or more newspapers in the county or city in which said defaulters have held, or may be holding office, and in no other newspapers, the names and titles of said officers with the amount of said deficiencies, and the cost of advertisement of the account of each 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.

7. The committees on elections of the two houses of the General

Id s 7 1856, c 16, s 9 Committees on elections to report members of General Assembly who are defaulters.

the same to their respective houses.

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.

Assembly shall, at every session thereof, ascertain from an exami-

nation of the books of the treasury whether any member-elect of

their respective houses is in default to the treasury, and if so, report

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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.

Id s 9 1856, c 16, s 7 Acts done while in office not invalidated

10. No postmaster or his deputies, nor 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 offence, to be recovered by indictment in the Circuit Court for the county where the offence may be committed, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, if committed in said city.

Id s 10 1832, c 260 Postmaster, marshal or deputy shall not hold any State office

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 offence.

Id s 11 1805, c 107 Sheriff, constable or collector of taxes shall not purchase claims.