

shall immediately inclose such process in a letter or cover, sealed up and addressed to the clerk of the Circuit Court of such other county, or the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and on the back thereof shall indorse his name as clerk of the court from which it issues, and shall forthwith deposit the same in the next post-office, to be conveyed by the ensuing mail to the post-office at or nearest to which the clerk of such other court shall reside; and in such letter or cover shall be written the usual docket entry of such process, so as to show the parties concerned, and the nature and purpose thereof.

Id s 105  
1817, c 139, s 2  
Clerks to send  
to post-office  
daily

To indorse time  
of receipt and  
deliver to  
officer.

Id s 106  
1817, c 139, s 3  
Certificate of  
receipt and de-  
livery to be sent  
to court issuing  
process

Certificate  
evidence of  
delivery

To apply to  
writs of *fiere  
facias* and  
attachments

Id s 107  
1817, c 139, s 5  
Penalty of  
neglect by  
clerk

Id s 108  
1817, c 139, s 4  
Expense of  
postage

Id s 109  
1817, c 139  
May be sent by  
private hand

**138.** Each clerk of the Circuit Courts for the several counties, and the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, shall send to the post-office nearest his residence daily (if mails arrive at said office daily), and if not, as often as they arrive, and inquire for letters and covers addressed to him; and if he receive any writ or process he shall immediately indorse the time when he receives the same, and with all convenient speed deliver the same to the sheriff or other officer to whom the same may be directed, and shall also indorse thereon the time of such delivery.

**139.** Every clerk who shall receive and deliver any writ or process as directed in the preceding section, shall transmit by the mail, and in due time before the session of the court to which such process shall be returnable, a certificate under his hand and seal of office, setting forth the receipt of such process (which he shall describe in the manner in which it is written in the letter or cover which contained the same), the time when he received the same, the delivery thereof to the officer to whom it was directed, and the time of such delivery; which certificate he shall seal up and address to the clerk of the court to which the process is made returnable, and deposit it in the nearest post-office, to be conveyed to such clerk, indorsing his name thereon, as hereinbefore directed; and such certificate in all proceedings relating to the sheriff, or other officer to whom any such writ or process was directed, shall be competent and sufficient evidence to prove the delivery of such process to such officer; the provisions of this and the preceding section to apply to writs of *fiere facias* and attachments sent from one county to another

**140.** Every clerk who shall neglect or delay to perform the duties required by the three preceding sections shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding fifty dollars for every refusal or neglect, for the use of the State.

**141.** The expense of postage incurred by the respective clerks, and a reasonable compensation for their services in the transmission, delivery, and receipt of process from one county to another, shall be allowed to them by the county commissioners of their respective counties, and mayor and city council of Baltimore.

**142.** Any process directed to another county instead of being sent by mail, as hereinbefore directed, may be sent by any person, and upon proof of the delivery of the same to the sheriff, or other