

shall be paid by the constable to the county commissioners of the county, or the mayor and city council of Baltimore, as the case may be.

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CONSTABLES.

67. Every constable appointed shall, within thirty days after his commission has been received by the clerk of the Circuit Court of his county, or the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if in the city of Baltimore, make the declaration of belief in the existence of God, and take and subscribe the oaths prescribed by the Constitution before said clerk

Const art 4,
s 42
Decl Rights
Art 37
Art 24, s 1,
1852 c 172, s 5,
1854, c. 18, s 9,
Oath of office

68. Every constable shall also, before he acts as such, give bond to the State of Maryland, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the county commissioners of the county, or the judge of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, in the penalty of two thousand dollars, conditioned "that the said constable shall well and faithfully execute the same office in all things appertaining thereto, and shall also well and truly account for all moneys placed in his hands for collection, or received by him on judgment, and shall well and truly pay over the same," and the said bond shall be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county, or of the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, and a copy thereof, under the seal of the said court, shall be good evidence to prove the execution of such bond in any court of this State.

Id s 2.
1409, c 117, ss
2, 3, 1835, c 201,
s 16, 1835, c.
342, 1854, c 148
Bond

69. For each new election district that may be formed and established in the several counties, and for each additional ward that may be created in the city of Baltimore, there shall be appointed, as prescribed by the Constitution, two justices of the peace and two constables, unless a different number be specially provided by law.

Const art. 4,
s 42.
Id s 3
1852, c 274, s 3
Number in new
election dis-
tricts or wards

EXECUTION OF PROCESS AND COLLECTION OF DEBTS.

70. Every constable shall obey and execute all process directed to him from any justice of the peace concerning any matter, debt, or demand between party and party, and all criminal process directed to him from any justice of the peace, and shall return such civil or criminal process according to the command therein contained

Art 23, s 4
1715, c 15, s 6
To serve process
from justices.
11 Md 482, 12
Md 59, 197, 16
Md 520, 18 Md
391, 518, 28 Md.
388, 37 Md 81.

71. If a constable, to whom any summons is delivered, shall not make return thereof according to the command of the same, it shall be lawful for the justice who issued the said summons, upon application of the plaintiff, or his agent or attorney, and proof made of the delivery of the said summons by the confession of the constable, or by the oath of the plaintiff, his agent or attorney, or any other credible witness, to call such constable before him, and, unless a good excuse is offered, fine him for said neglect any sum not exceeding one dollar.

Id s 5
1791, c 68, s 11.
Fine for failing
to return
summons