

said judge, the amount of the debt, damages, interest and costs to be ascertained by the plaintiff or attorney, or such other proof as the judge may require, the said court or judge in the recess may cause judgment to be entered by the clerk against the said sheriff, for the plaintiff's claim, interest and costs in favor of the plaintiff without stay or execution, and without the right of the defendant to supersede or appeal from the same; provided, that the said court or judge thereof shall be satisfied that the said sheriff has received the said debt, interest and costs, or any part thereof, from the defendant in the said process, and that his said return of process is false and untrue, and that the remedy under this section shall not prejudice the plaintiff's right to proceed by suit against the bond of the sheriff.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 88, sec. 19. 1817, ch. 193, sec. 6.

**16.** The sheriff shall serve and return all writs and process which may be sent from another county or Baltimore city and delivered to him, to the court to which the same is returnable, on or before the second day of the session of such court; and if he neglect or fail to do so, it shall be considered a contempt of the court, and such sheriff, for such contempt, shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Ibid. sec. 20. 1817, ch. 139, sec. 6.

**17.** The court imposing the fine for the contempt mentioned in the preceding section shall certify the same to the circuit court for the county where the sheriff resides; or if he resides in the city of Baltimore, to the superior court of Baltimore city; and upon the receipt of such certificate by the court to which it may be sent, the said court shall forthwith compel the payment of the same in the same manner as if the fine had been imposed by such court.

Ibid. sec. 21. 1817, ch. 139, sec. 7.

**18.** The sheriff may return any writ or other process sent from another county or Baltimore city to the clerk of the court to which the same may be returnable, by mail, in a cover sealed up and duly addressed; but the non-return of such process by the time hereinbefore limited shall not be excused by any evidence which such sheriff may offer, to prove that such writ or process was deposited