

the oaths of office before him, or whose oath of office is recorded in his office.

1874, ch. 483, sec. 139.

**66.** The clerks of the several circuit courts and of the superior court of Baltimore city, shall not administer the oath of office to any officer until he pays the tax on his commissions prescribed by law; and the said clerks shall quarterly, on the first Monday of March, June, September and December, pay to the treasurer all sums of money they shall have received for taxes on commissions.

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## ARTICLE XVIII.

### COMMISSIONERS TO TAKE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

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| 1. Biennial appointment of.      | 6. Certificate of qualification        |
| 2. Tenure                        | 7. Commissioners in foreign countries. |
| 3. Oath                          | 8. Oath of such commissioners.         |
| 4. Authority to administer oath. | 9. Payment to State for commission.    |
| 5. Acknowledgments before.       |  |

P. G L., (1860,) art 21, sec. 1. 1837, ch. 97, sec 1. 1852, ch. 106, sec. 1.

**1.** The governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall biennially appoint and commission one or more commissioners in each State, district or territory of the United States, who shall have authority to take the acknowledgment and proof of the execution of any deed or other conveyance or lease of any lands, tenements or hereditaments lying in this State, or any contract, letter of attorney, or any other writing, under seal, to be used and recorded in this State.

Ibid. sec. 2. 1852, ch. 106, sec. 1.

**2.** The said commissioners shall hold their office as other civil officers of this State similarly appointed.

Ibid. sec. 3. 1837, ch 97, sec. 3. 1852, ch. 106, sec 3. 1884, ch. 210.

**3.** Every commissioner so appointed shall take and subscribe an oath before a justice of the peace or notary public in the city