

covered by said board of police by civil action in the name of the State; and it shall be the duty of said board and of the sheriff and his deputies, and of all policemen, constables and other peace-officers, to take care that the provisions of this section be complied with, and to inform upon all persons violating the same, of whose offences they shall have knowledge or information.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 218.

265. It shall be the duty of each and every one of the said judges of election, immediately after each election at which they shall have acted as such, to appear before the grand jury of the criminal court of Baltimore, if in session, and if not, before the grand jury of said court which shall next be in session thereafter, to be examined touching any and all violations of the provisions of the constitution, or of this sub-title of this article, or of any other law relating to elections, of which they may have personal knowledge, or which they may have reasonable ground to believe to have been committed at such election; and every judge of election in said city failing so to appear before the grand jury as aforesaid, prior to the adjournment of the same, and to give such information as aforesaid as he may possess in the premises, shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by the said board of police by civil action, in the name of the State, unless the judge or judges so failing to appear shall have furnished to the said grand jury, before their said adjournment, his or their certificate, signed by him or them, and under oath made and certified before a justice of the peace of said city, that he or they did not know, and had no reason to believe, that any such offences had been committed at the said election, which certificates shall be returned by the grand jury to the said court, and preserved and recorded by the clerk thereof.

Ibid. sec 219.

266. No grand jury sitting at the time of any election in said city, or assembling next thereafter, shall be discharged by the said court until they have made written presentment, on their oaths, to the said court, that they have diligently and to the best of their knowledge and ability, examined such judges of election as may have come before them, and inquired into and acted upon all