

complaints concerning alleged violations of the constitution and laws touching elections at the election next preceding, and all matters concerning the same which have come to their knowledge, or concerning which they have had any information or reasonable ground for inquiry.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 220.

267. It shall further be the duty of the said grand jury to make presentment to said court, on their said adjournment, of all judges of election who shall have failed to appear before or certify to them as aforesaid, who shall be at once arrested and held to bail to answer at the ensuing term of said court; and it shall be the duty of the State's attorney immediately to apply for, and of the court to issue a bench warrant for such arrest; and the State's attorney shall likewise lay the said presentments before the next grand jury, on the first day of their session, with the proper indictments thereupon, which it shall be the duty of the said grand jury to find on the said presentments; and the said court shall give the provisions of this sub-title of this article in relation to elections in charge to each and every grand jury which shall be in session at the time of any election held in said city, or next thereafter; and any failure so to do, and any neglect on the part of the judge of said court or of the State's attorney for said city to perform the duties by this section imposed on them, respectively, shall be and the same are declared to be acts of criminal misbehavior in office on the part of said judge and State's attorney, respectively

Ibid. sec. 221.

268. Any judge of election who shall wilfully neglect, or shall, when called on, wilfully decline or refuse to exercise the power conferred on him by this sub-title of this article for preserving the peace on election days, and securing the tranquility and freedom of elections, and the safety and uninterrupted access of the voters to the ballot-boxes, shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five hundred dollars, recoverable by civil action by said board of police, in the name of the State.

1867, ch. 141.

269. The sheriff of Baltimore city, under the penalty of one thousand dollars, at least two weeks previous to every election in