

then he shall be conveyed back to the place of trial by such guard or guards as the Warden may direct, their expenses to be paid as is now provided by law for the conveyance of convicts to the House of Correction.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That upon application of the relatives of the person convicted, the body after execution shall be returned to their address and at their cost, otherwise burial shall be provided for as said Warden shall arrange and determine. From the time of such delivery until the infliction of the punishment of death upon him, unless he shall be lawfully discharged from such sentence, the person so sentenced shall be kept in solitary confinement, and no person shall be allowed access to him without an order of some court of competent jurisdiction, except the officers of the prison, his counsel, his physician, a priest or minister of religion, if he shall desire one, and the members of his family.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the Warden aforesaid must prepare and sign a certificate, setting forth the time and place of execution, and that the execution was conducted in conformity to the sentence of the Court, and the provisions of this Act, and must request all the persons present and witnessing the execution to sign said certificate. He must cause such certificate to be filed, within ten days after the execution, in the office of the Clerk of the Court in which the felon was indicted.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing contained in any provision of this Act applies to a crime committed at any time before the day when this Act takes effect. Such crime must be punished according to the provisions of law existing when it is committed, in the same manner as if this Act had not been passed, and the provisions of law, for the infliction of the penalty of death upon convicted criminals in existence on the day prior to the passage of this Act, are continued in existence and applicable to all crimes punishable by death, which have been or may be committed before the time when this Act takes effect. A crime punishable by death committed after the beginning of the day when this Act takes effect, must be punished according to the provisions of this Act, and not otherwise. The intention of this entire Act being to centralize the hanging of convicted felons wherein sentence of death is imposed, at the Maryland Penitentiary and to remove the same from the county or city jail as the law now provides, and to relieve the