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be paid: When any witness may be or resides in any other county in this state, the aforesaid courts shall severally have full power to issue subpœna for such witness, directed to the sheriff of the county where such witness shall reside, and such sheriff shall serve and return the same; and if any person so summoned shall neglect to attend, attachment may issue against him, directed as aforesaid, and by virtue thereof the sheriff shall be obliged to have the body of such witness before the court issuing such attachment, and in case of neglect or delay by such sheriff to serve and return such subpœna or attachment, and to have the body of such witness, such sheriff may be fined by the court issuing such process; and every process and subpœna shall be forwarded by the sheriff of the county: The mayor shall have power to naturalize foreigners in the same manner as any judge of the general court, according to the act, entitled, An act for naturalization, passed at July session, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, or any other act of naturalization which may be passed, and also, if so authorized by congress, to naturalize foreigners agreeably to the laws of congress; and the certificate of the mayor, under the seal of the corporation, shall be evidence of such naturalization in all courts of justice, and thereout; and the mayor shall return lists of all persons naturalized by him to the general court, and city civil court, there to be recorded; and certificate of such return shall be evidence of naturalization: The mayor, recorder, aldermen and electors, shall not be summoned on any juries out of the county: The mayor shall be keeper of the seal of the corporation, and the chief conservator of the peace; he may lay before the common-council, from time to time, his opinion respecting ordinances necessary to be passed, amended or repealed, he may call upon any officer for his opinion in writing, relating to the duties of his office, and upon all officers intrusted with the receipt or expenditure of public money for a statement of their accounts, as often as he may judge necessary; he shall see that the ordinances are duly and faithfully executed, and shall report annually to the common-council a general state of the city, and its progress in trade, arts, manufactures and sciences, with a general account of the money received and expended: The members of the common-council, mayor, recorder, aldermen, electors, judges, and clerks of elections, and all officers of the corporation, before entering upon the execution of their respective offices, duties or trusts, shall take the following oath, or affirmation: "I ——— do solemnly swear, or affirm, that I will faithfully execute the office of ———;" but no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification in any voter, or to any office or appointment, neither shall any other disqualification or disability to hold and execute any office under this act, or any ordinances of the common-council, than is mentioned in this act, be ever created by the legislature of this state, nor any ordinance of the said common-council: The aldermen, or any three or more of them, shall be judges of the elections for delegates, and electors of senators, to the general assembly: The precincts shall not exceed one mile beyond the limits of the city, including all waters within the said distance; and the common-council shall from time to time cause the same to be defined by meets and bounds: The institution of town commissioners, street commissioners, and port wardens, shall cease and determine as soon as this corporation and constitution of government shall be in force and operation, but the common-council shall enjoy all the rights, and may provide for the exercise of all powers and authorities, now vested, or that may be vested, in the said town commissioners, street commissioners, and port wardens, but no rights acquired under the acts of the aforesaid boards shall be annulled; and immediately upon the confirmation of this corporation, the records, papers, proceedings, monies, accounts, and all other matters and things appertaining to the aforesaid town commissioners, street commissioners, and port wardens, shall be forthwith lodged and deposited with such person or persons as shall be appointed to receive the same; and all acts of the legislature now in force, or that shall be in force previous to the confirmation of this act, touching the police or government of Baltimore-town, or for regulating any of its internal concerns, shall cease and determine, and are hereby repealed, as soon as the said corporation shall provide for similar regulations, and any appropriations of money contained in any of the said acts, for the use of the said town, are hereby vested in the said corporation: If at any time through oversight, misapprehension, and
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