

assembly, passed Nov. 1787, c. 5, which comprised the 14, 15, and 16 § here, have been continued to the 30th Oct. 1798, &c. and then suffered to expire.—See *Bank of Baltimore*, 9.—*Laws*, 2, 3.—*Religion*, 1.

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LETTERS PUBLIC.

1. THE clerks of the senate, and house of delegates, shall furnish the printer of the state with a correct copy of the votes and proceedings of their respective houses, and of the several laws and resolutions, within 30 days after the end of every session, and shall take a receipt from the printer for the same, under penalty of 20l. current money to be recovered and applied as other penalties and forfeitures.—1790, c. 51, § 2.

2. The sheriff of each respective county shall take care of all public letters and packets, and expeditiously convey them, according to their respective directions, to the next sheriff of the adjacent county, to be forwarded to the place where the person or persons may reside, or be employed in the transacting the public business; and if such packets and letters be directed to the governor, or to the governor and the council, or to the president of the senate or speaker of the house of delegates, then the said letters shall be forwarded to the city of Annapolis, or other town or place where the seat of government may be in this state; and each sheriff shall endorse on the letter or packet the time of his receipt thereof, and shall give a receipt to the person delivering the same.—*ibid.* § 5.

3. All such public letters and packets shall be taken care of by the several sheriffs, and expeditiously conveyed according to their respective directions in manner following: that is to say, the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county shall receive all such public letters and packets as may be delivered to him, endorsed as hereafter mentioned, and shall forthwith deliver, or cause to be delivered, all such public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing on the eastern shore to the sheriff of Queen Anne's county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Queen Anne's county shall, without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons in Queen Anne's county to such person or persons, and take a receipt for the same, and shall, without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester counties, to the sheriff of Talbot county, and shall take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Talbot county shall, without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in his county to such person or persons, and take a receipt for the same, and shall without delay, deliver all such letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons in Dorchester, Worcester, and Somerset counties,