

residing in Washington and Allegany counties, to the sheriff of Washington county, and take a receipt for the same; and the sheriff of Washington county shall, without delay, deliver all such public letters & 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 public letters and packets as may be directed to any person or persons residing in Allegany county, to the sheriff of Allegany county, and take a receipt for the same, and the sheriff of Allegany county shall, without delay, deliver all such public 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.—*ibid.* § 7.

5. All sheriffs receiving such public letters or packets, shall endorse, on the back thereof, the time they received the same, and shall give receipts, when required, with the time of delivery therein mentioned, and shall in all things, comply with the directions hereinbefore contained, under the penalty of 50l. current money for every neglect or refusal, to be recovered and applied as heretofore by law is directed; and shall not be entitled to the reward hereinafter given them, without producing to the committee of claims the receipts by this act enjoined to be taken,—*ibid.* § 8.

6. The several sheriffs shall receive, as a reward for their trouble, the several sums hereafter expressed; that is to say, to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county 45l. current money; to the sheriff of Queen Anne's county, who is hereby also obliged to convey all such public letters and packets as are directed to any person or persons in the city of Annapolis, to the said city, 30l.; to the sheriff of Talbot county 11l. 5s. to the sheriff of Kent 11l. 5s. to the sheriff of Dorchester 11l. 5s. to the sheriff of Somerset 9l. 7s. 6d. to the sheriff of Worcester 5l. 12s. 6d. to the sheriff of Caroline 5l. 12s. 6d. to the sheriff of Cecil 5l. 12s. 6d. to the sheriff of Harford 5l. 12s. 6d. to the sheriff of Baltimore 15l. to the sheriff of Washington 9l. 7s. 6d. to the sheriff of Frederick 11l. 5s. to the sheriff of Montgomery 5l. 12s. 6d. to the sheriff of Prince George's 11l. 5s. to the sheriff of Charles 9l. 7s. 6d. to the sheriff of Calvert 5l. 12s. 6d. to the sheriff of Allegany 5l. 12s. 6d. to be paid out of the public treasury of this state; in consideration whereof the sheriffs of the said respective counties shall defray all such charges as shall accrue by reason of conveying all such letters or packets.—*ibid.* § 9.

7. The following and no other shall be deemed public letters and packets; that is to say, all packets containing the laws passed at any session of assembly, the votes and proceedings of the senate and house of delegates, endorsed for public service, and signed by the clerk of the council; all letters sent by the governor for the time being, and endorsed for public service, and signed by the clerk of the council; all  
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