

25. Any sheriff or sub-sheriff, taking any bond, bill, or writing obligatory, or mortgage, promissory note, or inland bill of exchange, shall deliver to his debtor, if required, under his hand, a fair account of the consideration for which such bond, &c. shall be taken; upon penalty of forfeiting to the party injured the value of the sum for which such bond, &c. shall be taken, to be recovered by action of debt, or on the case, with double costs of suit.---*ibid.* § 3.

26. The fees claimed to be due to any sheriff, shall be delivered to the person demanding the same in words at length, the services for which the same became due, and also a receipt in writing on being paid, on penalty of forfeiting to the party grieved the sum so taken and received, with double costs of suit.---*ibid.* § 4.

27. The sheriff of each county, or in case of sickness his deputy, shall be judge of elections, and make returns thereof, to the chancellor under his hand.---Const. 3 and 14.

28, 29, 30. Sheriffs shall be elected in each county by ballot, every 3d. year, viz. two persons for the office of sheriff for each county, the one of whom having the majority of votes, or if both have an equal number, either of them at the discretion of the governor, to be commissioned by the governor for the said office; and having served for three years, such person shall be ineligible for the four years next succeeding; bond with security to be taken every year as usual, and no sheriff shall be qualified to act before the same is given. In case of death, refusal, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the three years, the other person chosen as aforesaid, shall be commissioned by the governor to execute the said office for the residue of the said 3 years, the said person giving bond with security as aforesaid, and in case of his death, refusal, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the said three years, the governor, with the advice of the council, may nominate and commission a fit and proper person to execute the said office for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving bond and security as aforesaid; the election shall be held at the same time and place appointed for the election of delegates, and the justices there summoned to attend for the preservation of the peace shall be judges thereof, and of the qualifications of candidates, who shall appoint a clerk to take the ballots. All freemen above the age of 21 years, having a freehold of 50 acres of land in the county in which they offer to ballot, and residing therein, and all freemen above the age of 21 years, and having property in the state above the value of 30l. current money, and having resided in the county in which they offer to ballot one whole year next preceding the election, shall have a right of suffrage. No person to be eligible to the office of sheriff for a county but an inhabitant of the said county, above the age of 21 years, and having real and personal property in the state above the value of 1000l. current money; the justices aforesaid shall examine the ballots