

for the same; and every clerk of the senate, or of the house of delegates, who shall refuse or neglect to comply with the directions of this act, shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds current money for every refusal or neglect, to be recovered and applied in the same manner as other penalties and forfeitures.

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III. **And be it enacted,** That the printer of the state for the time being shall, immediately on the receipt of the said votes and proceedings, and of the said laws and resolutions, proceed to print and stich them in the same manner as hath been heretofore accustomed, and shall print and stich, and pack up, under the direction of the governor and council, as many copies thereof as shall be sufficient for the following persons and purposes; that is to say, one copy of the laws and resolutions, and one copy of the votes and proceedings of each branch of the legislature, for the governor and council, and for each member of the general assembly; one copy of the laws and resolutions, well bound in blue boards, and four copies of the said votes and proceedings, for the clerk of each respective county, to be deposited in his office for the use of the county courts, and for the inspection and information of the people; one copy of the laws and resolutions for each of the judges and justices of the peace within this state respectively, and for the attorney-general; one copy of the laws and resolutions for the register in chancery, and for the register of wills in each respective county, and for the clerk of the general court on the western and eastern shore respectively, and for the respective treasurers, to be retained by them for the use of their respective offices; and the same shall be packed up by the said printer, and directed accordingly; and the said printer shall completely print and stich, in the manner herein before mentioned, the number of the copies of the said laws and resolutions, and of the said votes and proceedings, required by this act, and shall deposite the same, carefully packed up, and sealed and directed, in the council-chamber, in the care of the clerk of the council, within the space of sixty days after the receipt of the original copies thereof from the clerks of the respective houses of assembly as aforesaid, and shall take a receipt from the clerk of the council for the same; and if the said printer shall neglect or refuse to print, stich, pack up or deposite, the said laws and resolutions, and the said votes and proceedings, within the time limited by this act as aforesaid, such printer shall forfeit and pay the sum of fifty pounds current money for every refusal or neglect, to be recovered and applied as aforesaid, and shall moreover forfeit his allowance or salary as printer of the state.

Laws, &c. to  
be printed,  
&c.

IV. **And be it enacted,** That the clerk of the council shall, within the space of three days after the receipt of the said laws and resolutions, and of the said votes and proceedings, from the printer, as aforesaid, endorse each packet thereof for public service, and subscribe his name, and shall deliver the same to the sheriff of Anne-Arundel county, to be forwarded as is herein after mentioned, and shall take his receipt for the same, under the penalty of twenty pounds current money for every refusal or neglect.

Clerk of the  
council to de-  
liver the laws,  
&c.

V. **And be it enacted,** That the sheriff of each respective county shall and he is hereby enjoined and required to 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.

Sheriff to  
take care of  
public letters,  
&c.

VI. **And,** to prevent all excuses and delays in forwarding the laws and other public letters going from Annapolis to the several counties, **Be it enacted,** That 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;

How to be  
conveyed on  
eastern shore,  
&c.