

Sheriffs to continue in office until their successors are appointed and sworn.

Member of Legislature appointed Sheriff may refuse to serve without being liable to penalty, if refusal be notified within 8 days after notice of appointment.

County be filled. And the Sheriffs for the several Counties in this Island, so as aforesaid appointed and sworn, shall continue in office in their respective Counties until others be appointed and sworn in their stead. Any Members of the Legislature, if appointed, may refuse to accept the office of Sheriff without being liable to any penalty ; provided that such Member of the Legislature shall, within eight days after receiving notice of his appointment, signify to the Lieutenant Governor his refusal to serve the said office.

Sheriff, &c, receiving money to account for same if demanded in 24 hours, or be liable to a fine of 5s in the pound for each week the same shall be detained after demand made.

IV. Any Sheriff or Under Sheriff retaining in his hands any sum or sums of money, received by virtue of any execution, writ or process, for the space of twenty-four hours after demand made by the person or persons legally entitled to the same, in the presence of one credible witness, shall forfeit to such person or persons the sum of five shillings for every pound of such money for every week that he or his Under Sheriff shall retain the same.

Sheriff, &c, required to make due return of all writs, &c, delivered to him.

V. After any writ or process, or execution, directed to any Sheriff out of any of the Supreme Courts that now are or may hereafter be established in this Island, shall have been delivered to him or his Under Sheriff, such Sheriff or Under Sheriff, taking delivery of any such writ, process or execution, is hereby required to return the same, with his doings thereon endorsed in due time, and according to the command thereof, into the Court to which such writ shall have been made returnable ; and if the said Sheriff or Under Sheriff shall neglect to make such return on any writ, process or execution, so as aforesaid delivered, the said Sheriff shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty pounds to any person suing for the same.

Penalty for neglecting to make such return.