

tration of justice unless the chief judge or both the associate judges are present in court sitting. Dec. Ses. 1816

9. *And be it enacted*, That the sheriff of the said county, for the time being, shall summon forty-eight good and lawful men, residing within the said city or precincts, ten days before the day appointed for holding the said court, as grand and petit jurors, and shall return a pannel of them accordingly; and every such juror, being regularly summoned, not attending, shall be fined by the said court a sum not exceeding fifty dollars; and every grand and petit juror shall be allowed the sum of one dollar for every days attendance. Jurymen to be summoned.

10. *And be it enacted*, That all commitments and recognizances for all felonies, crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed within the said city and precincts, shall be returned from time to time by any justice of the peace, taking such recognizance, before the judges aforesaid; and any justice, taking such recognizance, shall lodge the same with the clerk of the said court on the day next preceding the day appointed for holding the said court. Commitments and recognizances to be returned to city court.

11. *And be it enacted*, That any person summoned as a witness to attend the said court, and making default, shall be fined by the judges aforesaid in their discretion not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, and every witness attending the said court shall be allowed the sum of one dollar for every days attendance. Witnesses to be fined for non-attendance — their allowance.

12. *And be it enacted*, That the said judges shall have power to appoint any number of constables they may think necessary for the execution of this act, and to facilitate the administration of public justice, and the same constables to remove, and appoint others in their stead; and the said constables shall be allowed such compensation as the said judges may think just and right. Court to appoint constables.

13. *And be it enacted*, That the said chief judge, or the two associate judges, shall have power to call a court at any time they may consider it necessary, and to direct the clerk of the said court to issue a *venire* for the attendance of a grand and petit jury at such extraordinary court. Judges to call court, and direct *venire* to issue.

14. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases of applications to the said court for ordinary or retailers licences, it shall be in their discretion to grant or refuse the same. — to grant ordinary and retailer's licences.

15. *And be it enacted*, That instead of the penalty heretofore imposed on persons selling liquor without license within the said city and precincts of Baltimore, such person or persons shall forfeit and pay the sum of twenty-four dollars current money for each offence, one half thereof to the support of government, and the other half to the informer. Penalty for selling without license.

16. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the chief judge of the said court to attend every day, except on Sundays and during the session of the said court, at the office of the clerk of the said court, or at some other convenient room in the courthouse, to hear and examine all persons who may be brought before him, and to commit for trial, or otherwise, as the case may require; and the said chief judge shall have full power and authority to hear, decide and determine, all offences which are not punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, and which may Chief justice to attend every day.