

to that term 208, making in all 386, of which 114 were disposed of in the following manner, viz. 1 entered agreed by the parties, 6 dismissed by the council for the appellants, 6 affirmed without argument, 77 brought for delay and affirmed nisi, and 26 decided by the court. That the number standing on the docket at the commencement of December term, 1821, was 272, and the number brought to that term 133, making in all 405, of which 11 were disposed of in the following manner; viz. 2 entered agreed by the parties, 1 error, and 8 decided by the court. That the number standing on the docket at the commencement of June term 1822, was 394, and the number brought to that term 148, making in all 542, of which 314 were disposed of in the following manner, viz. 8 entered agreed by the parties, 2 dismissed by the appellants counsel, 12 affirmed without argument, 272 brought for delay and affirmed nisi, and 20 decided by the court. That the number standing on the docket at the commencement of December term 1822 was 228, and the number brought to that term 143, making in all 371, and the whole of them were continued until the next term, and are the cases which at present stand on the docket, and of which 1 was brought to June 1818, 1 to December 1818, 3 to June 1819, 3 to Dec. 1819, 15 to June 1820, 9 to Dec. 1820, 38 to June 1821, 10 to Dec. 1821, 148 to June 1822 and 143 to December 1822. That according to the present arrangement of the court of appeals by the acts of assembly of 1815, ch. 215, and 1816, ch. 151, there is but one session of the court, which is held in the month of June, for the argument and decision of cases; but the court at the close of the sessions in June 1819 and June 1821, fixed on the succeeding December terms, at which to meet for the hearing and deciding cases; and except in the instances here mentioned, there have been no adjourned sessions of the court for the dispatch of business, within the last three years. That the usual hours fixed for the sitting of the court are from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M. All which is respectfully submitted.

TH: HARRIS, Clk. Court of Appeals, W. S.  
COURT OF APPEALS, EASTERN SHORE, December 29, 1822.

In compliance with the direction of the "select committee upon the administration of justice" requiring information relative to causes &c. in the eastern shore court of appeals, the clerk of said court respectfully exhibits the following report:

Number of appeals brought to June term 1820, 45; November term, eighteen hundred and twenty, 37; June term 1821, 83; November term, eighteen hundred and twenty-one 66; June term 1822, 71; November term eighteen hundred and twenty-two 43. Whole number brought during the last 3 years, 345; number of appeals disposed of during the last 3 years ending 31st Dec. 1822, 333; number of appeals now on the docket shewing the time they were first entered to wit: at November term 1818, one; November term 1819, one; June term 1821, 4; November term eighteen hundred and twenty one, one; June term, 1822, 61; November term 1822, 43. Total 111. Number of appeals disposed of in the 1st of the 3 years above mentioned, 105; of those cases then ready for hearing, there had been on the docket since 1815, 1; June term 1818, 1; November term, eighteen hundred and eighteen, eleven; June term, 1819, 41; November term, 1819 46; Total 100. Number of appeals during the three years before mentioned, which were brought for purposes of delay and affirmed without argument, 223. It has been usual with the court, simply to affirm the judgment, with costs, without imposing the damages required by the act of assembly. No adjourned courts have been lately held for the dispatch of business. The usual hours fixed for the sitting of the court, are from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M.

JAMES PARROTT, Clk. Court of Appeals E. S.

