

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

shall first be necessary for him to obtain the consent of the County Commissioners allowing such justice to act for him.

Shall not issue summons, etc. 139. No justice of the peace in said county shall in any case of debt or damages issue a summons for defendant except on application for the same by the plaintiff or his attorney, in person or in writing, accompanied with the cause or causes of action in said case; nor an execution except upon the order of the plaintiff or his attorney, in person or in writing.

Liable to indictment. 140. If any justice of the peace shall issue a summons or execution contrary to the provisions of the preceding section, or if any constable shall knowingly serve the same, such justice or constable shall be liable to indictment in the Circuit Court for said county, and on conviction shall be disqualified from holding his office.

Shall not discharge duties as justice in bar-room, etc. 141. No justice of the peace for said county shall engage in the discharge of his duties as justice in civil matters in a bar-room of a tavern or public house of that character; and any justice so offending shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury of said county, and on conviction shall be fined twenty dollars, to be paid to the County Commissioners of said county for the use of the county.

County Commissioners shall appoint Constables to inspect licenses. 142. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners on the last Tuesday in April in each year to appoint one of the constables in each district of the county to inspect licenses in the district; and the constables so appointed shall visit every place of business in his district, the proprietors whereof are required to have licenses immediately before the May and December terms of the court, and shall require the proprietor of each place of business to produce a license; and in case of a refusal to produce the same, the constable shall arrest the proprietor so refusing and take him before a justice of the peace, who shall take recognizance from him, with security, to appear before the next term of court to answer the charge of selling without a license; and if upon trial of such person so recognized, he shall produce a license, the court may, in its discretion, cause the party indicted to pay the cost of the prosecution as a punishment for his refusal to produce the license when required by the constable; and the said constables shall return to the grand juries for the said terms of the Circuit Court lists of all places of business in their respective districts, which list shall contain the names of persons doing business at each place, the character of business, the date of the license, which shall include the year for which