

indictments shall conclude, "against the peace, government and dignity of the State."

Sec. 9. There shall be a county court in each county of the State, to consist of one judge, who shall be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified and legal voters of said county, from among those learned in the law, having been admitted to practice the law in this State, and who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years, and above the age of thirty years at the time of his election, and a resident of said county. The said judge shall hold his office for the term of ten years from the time of his election, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, whichever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after, subject to be removed for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty, misdemeanor in office, and such other causes as may be prescribed by law, by presentment of a Grand Jury and conviction of a petit jury of said county, or by the Governor, upon the address of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each House concurring in such address. His salary shall be two thousand dollars annually, which shall not be diminished during his continuance in office. He shall reside in or near the county town, and shall hold two common law terms in each and every year, at such times and places as may be prescribed by law, and attend at the court house of said county as often as the Legislature may prescribe by law for the transaction and despatch of judicial business.

Sec. 10. The said county courts or the judges thereof respectively shall be courts of law and equity, and have original jurisdiction in all civil and criminal cases arising in their respective limits; and in all respects have the same powers and jurisdiction that the present county courts of this State now have or which shall hereafter be prescribed by law. They shall also have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating to last wills and testaments, executors and administrators and guardians, within their respective limits, and all and every other power which the orphans courts of this State now have, or which may be hereafter prescribed by law. They shall also have and exercise appellate jurisdiction from the judgments of justices of the peace, subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by law.

Sec. 11. There shall be established for the city of Baltimore, one court with common law jurisdiction, to be styled the court of "Common Pleas," which shall have civil jurisdiction in all suits where the debt or damage claimed shall not exceed five hundred dollars..

Sec. 12. There shall also be in said city another common law court, having jurisdiction over all suits where the debt or damages claimed shall exceed the sum of five hundred dollars; and each of said courts shall be vested with all powers now held and exercised by Baltimore county court, as a court of law; and this last court shall be styled "the Superior court of Baltimore city."

Sec. 13. There shall also, be established a court having equity