

learned in the law for the trial and determination of said case or cases.

*Sec. 8.* All judges of the Court of Appeals, of the county courts and of the courts for the city of Baltimore, shall by virtue of their offices, be conservators of the peace throughout the State. The style of all laws shall run thus: "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland;" all public commissions and grants thus: "The State of Maryland, &c.;" and shall be signed by the Governor, with the seal of the State annexed; all writs and process shall run in the same style, and be sealed and signed as usual, and all 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 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 jurisdiction, for the city of Baltimore, whose style shall be "the Chancery court of the city of Baltimore," and which shall have and exercise the equity jurisdiction now exercised by Baltimore county court, sitting as a court of equity. Each of the said three courts shall consist of one Judge, who shall hold his office for the term of ten years, subject to the provisions of this Constitution, with regard to the election, and qualification of Judges and their removal from office; and the salary of each of the said Judges shall be twenty-five hundred dollars per year.

*Sec. 14.* The court of common pleas shall have jurisdiction in all appeals from Magistrates' decisions in the said city, and the said appeals shall be made to the said court; and the Chancery court shall have jurisdiction in all applications for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this State, and of the administration of the estates of insolvent debtors, and the supervision and control of the trustees thereof.

*Sec. 15.* There shall be established an orphans' court for Baltimore city, which shall consist of one Judge, who shall hold his office for the term of ten years, and who shall have all the powers now vested in the orphans' court of Baltimore county, within the limits of said city, subject to such regulations as the Legislature may establish for the conduct of the ordinary business of the said court, by the Register of Wills of the said city; and who shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution, as to the election and qualifications of Judges and their removal therefrom; and the salary of the said Judge shall be two thousand dollars per year.

*Sec. 16.* There shall also be a criminal court for the city of Baltimore, to be styled "the Criminal court of Baltimore city," which shall consist of one Judge, and shall have and exercise all the jurisdiction now exercised by Baltimore city court, except so far as the same may be vested in the police court hereafter to be established, and shall have exclusive jurisdiction in cases of petition for freedom, and in all cases of petitions to cancel or enforce contracts of apprenticeship—and the said Judge shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars per annum, and shall be subject to the provisions of this Constitution, with regard to the election and qualification of Judges and their removal from office.

*Sec. 17.* There shall also be established a court to be styled "the Police court of Baltimore city," to consist of one Judge, who shall hold this office