

which the present Superior and Circuit Courts now exercise jurisdiction, and in all cases pending in the present Superior Court at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, where the debt or damage claimed shall exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, but shall not exceed the sum of one thousand, and in all other civil cases not herein after assigned to the Court of Common Pleas, subject to such modifications as may be made by law, and the Judges shall so apportion and distribute the business of their Court as shall best facilitate the despatch thereof and promote the ends of justice.

Sec. —. Either of the Judges of the said Superior Court may sit alone for the disposition of all formal and uncontested business as well as such contested business as the parties litigant shall consent to try before a single Judge; but it shall be the right of any party to any contested cause pending in said Court, or that shall be pending in either the present Superior or Circuit Courts of said city, at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, under such rules and regulations as the Court may prescribe, to require the presence of at least two of the Judges of said Court at the trial thereof. No order for an injunction or the appointment of a receiver shall be passed without the concurrence of at least two of the Judges therein.

Sec. —. One of the Judges of said Superior Court shall sit as Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of Baltimore city.

Sec. —. The Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore city shall have jurisdiction in all suits where the debt or damage claimed shall exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, and shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, and are not already pending in the Superior Court of Baltimore city; and shall also have jurisdiction in all cases of appeal from the judgment of Justices of the Peace in the said city, and shall have jurisdiction in all applications for the benefit of the insolvent laws of the State, and the supervision and control of the trustees thereof, or such other jurisdiction as may be prescribed by law.

Sec. —. The Criminal Court of Baltimore city shall have all the jurisdiction now exercised by the present Criminal Court of said city, or such as may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Sec. —. Each of the Judges of the said Superior Court, and the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Criminal Court, shall receive an annual salary of thirty-five hundred dollars, which shall not be increased or diminished during their continuance in office.