

decide disputes growing out of estrays of cattle and vessels adrift; they shall decide ownership and adjudge costs; justices of the peace, in any of the contiguous counties, may issue permits to fish as prescribed to fish in the Patuxent river; justices may decide the single question affecting real estate, of the length of the lease in cases of a tenant holding over term; upon information, on oath, of any persons violating the oyster law, a justice may summon a *posse comitatus*, if necessary, and take possession of the offender and his vessel, and shall have general power to hear and determine all matters arising therefrom; it is the duty of a justice to try, hear and determine all controversies within his jurisdiction. (Article 52, sections 1-72.) Justices shall have the jurisdiction exercised by Circuit Courts in all cases of assault without felonious intent, and assault and battery, and larceny of property of a value not over \$5.00, and all misdemeanors where the penalty is not confinement in the penitentiary; justices of the peace give no bond, except in Baltimore city, and where they are made police justices; and are appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold their office two years; no special time set for appointment; their compensation is by fees, except when they act as police justices, under special Acts of Assembly, when they are salaried. (Constitution, Article IV, section 42, Acts of 1890, chapter 618.) It shall be the duty of the Governor, after the appointment of the Justices of the Peace, provided for in section 607, to select from the justices of the peace so appointed, a justice of the peace to sit at each station house in the city of Baltimore, and, in addition, one justice of the peace to act at such times and places as is hereinafter provided for; each justice, so selected, shall keep his office at the station house for which he was appointed, and shall attend at such station house from 9 o'clock A. M., until 12 o'clock M., in every day of the week, except Sunday; and on every Sunday in each year, shall attend at the station house for which he was appointed, from 9 o'clock A. M., to 11 o'clock A. M., and at each of said respective sittings hereinbefore provided for, shall perform all the duties which he is required by law to perform; the attendance at any station house of the additional justice of the peace shall be regulated and controlled by the Board of Police Commissioners for the city of Baltimore, or by the State's At-