

Rules in
Equity.

licable, to devise and promulgate by rules or orders, forms and modes of framing and filing bills, answers and other proceedings and pleadings in equity; and also forms and modes of taking and obtaining evidence, to be used in equity cases; and to revise and regulate, generally, the practice in the Courts of Equity of this State, so as to prevent delays, and to promote brevity and conciseness in all pleadings and proceedings therein, and to abolish all unnecessary costs and expenses attending the same. And all rules and regulations hereby directed to be made shall, when made, have the force of law until rescinded, changed or modified by the said judges, or the General Assembly.

B. & O. R. R. Co. vs. State, 29 Md., 252. Gabelein vs. Plaenker, 36 Md., 61. Meloy vs. Squires, 42 Md., 378.

Part III—Circuit Courts.

Judicial Cir-
cuits.

SEC. 19. The State shall be divided into eight judicial circuits, in manner following, viz.: The counties of Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester and Wicomico,* shall constitute the First Circuit; the counties of Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil, the Second; the counties of Baltimore and Harford, the Third; the counties of Allegany, Washington and Garrett,† the Fourth; the counties of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel, the Fifth; the counties of Montgomery and Frederick, the Sixth; the counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's, the Seventh, and Baltimore city, the Eighth.

County
courts.

SEC. 20. A court shall be held in each county of the State, to be styled the Circuit Court for the county in which it may be held. The said Circuit Courts shall have and exercise, in the respective counties, all the power, authority and jurisdiction, original and appellate, which the present Circuit Courts of this State now have and exercise, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Jurisdiction.

Truett vs. Legg, 32 Md., 147.

Chief Judge
and two
Associates.

SEC. 21. For each of the said circuits (excepting the eighth and third) there shall be a chief judge and two associate judges, to be styled Judges of the Circuit Court to be elected or appointed as herein provided, and for the third circuit there shall be a Chief Judge and three associate judges to be styled Judges of the Circuit Court to be elected or appointed as herein provided.

*Wicomico formed since the adoption of this Constitution.

†Garrett formed since the adoption of this Constitution.