

on conviction in a court of law. In the event of any vacancy in the office of the Clerk of any of the Circuit Courts, said vacancy shall be filled by the Judge of said Circuit in which said vacancy occurs, until the next general election for county officers, when a Clerk of said Circuit Court shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter.

Sec. 30. The judges of the respective Circuit Courts of this State, and of the Courts of Baltimore city, shall render their decisions in all cases argued before them, or submitted for their judgment, within two months after the same shall have been so argued or submitted.

PART IV.—COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY.

Sec. 31. There shall be in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit four Courts, to be styled the Superior Court of Baltimore city; the Court of Common Pleas; the Circuit Court of Baltimore city; and the Criminal Court of Baltimore; each Court shall consist of one Judge, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city, and shall hold his office for the term of fifteen years, subject to the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the election and qualification of Judges, and their removal from office, and shall exercise the jurisdiction hereinafter specified.

Sec. 32. Each of said Judges shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars, payable quarterly.

Sec. 33. The Superior Court of Baltimore city shall have jurisdiction over all suits where the debt or damage claimed, exclusive of interest, shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, and in case any plaintiff or plaintiffs shall recover less than the sum or value of one thousand dollars, he or they shall

be allowed or adjudged to pay costs in the discretion of the Court. The said Court shall also have jurisdiction as a Court of Equity within the limits of the said city, and in all other civil cases which are not hereinafter assigned to the Court of Common Pleas, and also have jurisdiction in all cases of appeals from the Commissioners for opening streets.

Sec. 34. The Court of Common Pleas shall have civil jurisdiction in all suits where the debt or damage claimed, exclusive of interest, shall be over one hundred dollars, and shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and shall also have jurisdiction in all cases of appeal in civil cases 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 this State, and the supervision and control of the trustees thereof.

Sec. 35. The Circuit Court of Baltimore city shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the Superior Court of Baltimore city, in all cases in Equity, in cases arising under the act to direct descents, and its supplements, and shall exercise all the power that is now conferred by law, provided said Court shall not have jurisdiction in applications for the writ of *Habeas Corpus*, in cases of persons charged with criminal offences.

Sec. 36. The Criminal Court of Baltimore shall have and exercise all the jurisdiction now held and exercised by the Criminal Court of Baltimore, except in cases of appeals from Commissioners for Opening Streets, and shall have jurisdiction in all cases of appeals from Justices of the Peace in said city, for the recovery of fines, penalties and forfeitures.

Sec. 37. The present Judges of the several Courts of Baltimore city, shall