

said person shall, before the time of such distress or sale of goods distrained therefor, go before a justice of the peace within the city, and with one good security resident of the city, and satisfactory to the justice, and shall confess judgment to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, in double the sum demanded, with a condition annexed to the certificate of the confession of judgment, that if the said mayor and city council shall recover judgment in Baltimore county court, on the said confession, upon the real merits of the demand, then the said court shall enter judgment in favour of the said mayor and city council, against the parties who confessed judgment, for the amount of the tax, due, or imposition, with interest thereon and costs; and if a decision shall be made against the mayor and city council, they shall pay costs; and the cause shall stand for trial at the term next succeeding the day when the certificate aforesaid shall be filed with the clerk of said court, who shall forthwith docket the cause in the name of the mayor and city council of Baltimore against the said parties. And the said persons, so confessing judgment before the justice, shall at the same time execute a warrant of attorney, authorizing some attorney to appear for them in the said court. And it shall be the duty of the said justice to return the certificate of the judgment confessed and warrant of attorney, within five days, to the clerk of the said court, and on producing a receipt therefor from him, the register of the city shall pay him fifty cents. And the county court, on the application of the said mayor and city council, or of the party who may so have confessed judgment as aforesaid, shall frame an issue for trying the said question. And in the event of an appeal to the court of appeals, such cause shall stand for argument at the first term, to which such appeal shall be prosecuted.

In a compilation of laws, relating to the City of Baltimore, compiled by the authority of the corporation, this section is noted as being repealed by 1821, ch. 252, sec. 4 and 8.

City court to have jurisdiction in cases of fines due to the city.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That all appeals from the decision of justices of the peace, upon warrants for the recovery of fines, penalties and forfeitures under the ordinances of this city, shall be carried to, and be prosecuted before Baltimore city court, where such appeals shall be heard and decided at the session of the court next succeeding the allowance of such appeals, unless the court should be then in session, in which case appeals shall be heard and decided at that session, except that the court may in their discretion grant a continuance of such appeals. And if the fine, penalty or forfeiture exceeds the sum over which justices have jurisdiction, the same shall be sued for, and recovered in Baltimore city court, instead of Baltimore county court as heretofore; and all such cases shall stand for trial at the first

Cases to be tried at first term.