

elected by the legal and qualified voters thereof at the time of electing justices in the other districts and wards, two justices of the peace, unless a different number be specially provided by law.

CIVIL JURISDICTION.

5. Any justice of the peace of the county where the defendant resides may, if the case be within his jurisdiction, try, hear and determine the matter in controversy between the plaintiff and defendant, upon full hearing of the allegations and evidence of both parties, and shall give judgment according to the laws of the land, and the equity and right of the matter.

6. Each justice of the peace shall keep a docket, and therein record and make regular entries of his proceedings in all cases in which he shall act in virtue of his office; and he shall furnish the plaintiff and defendant respectively with a copy of any judgment by him given when required.

7. If any justice shall omit to keep a docket, so that by such neglect or omission the plaintiff (having obtained a judgment before such justice) shall lose his debt, the justice shall satisfy to the said plaintiff the debt, interest and costs so lost.

8. Each justice shall also keep a full alphabet or index to his docket, under a penalty of two dollars, to be recovered on presentment by the grand jury, one-half to the informer and the other half to the use of the county.

9. If a justice shall resign, or be removed from his office, he shall deliver his docket, together with all the notes, bonds, accounts and papers in his possession, appertaining to judgments or suits entered thereon, to the clerk of the Circuit Court for the county in which such justice resides, within one month after such resignation or removal; if a justice dies, the delivery aforesaid shall be made by his administrator, or other person in whose hands the said docket and papers may be, within thirty days after receiving the same.

10. If a justice in Baltimore city dies, resigns, or is removed, the delivery of the docket and papers shall be made to the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas within the time mentioned in the preceding section.