

176. At such special sessions of said court, all cases may be tried and disposed of as at the regular terms thereof.

177. All commitments and recognizances for all felonies, crimes, offences and misdemeanors committed within said city, shall be returned from time to time by any justice of the peace taking the same before said court, and shall be lodged with the clerk of said court on the day next preceding the day appointed for holding the said court.

178. The said court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court of Baltimore city, in all cases of controversies between masters, servants, and including petitions for freedom.

179. The justices of the peace for Baltimore city, whenever they shall commit any person for want of bail, for trial, on charges of assault and battery, for keeping a disorderly house, or for violation of article fifty-six of the code, and for any other small offences for which no greater punishment than fine and imprisonment can be imposed, shall endorse on said commitments the names and places of residence of the witnesses, who shall have appeared before them on behalf of the prosecution, and shall recognize said witnesses to appear before said court on the next Saturday thereafter.

180. The warden of Baltimore city jail shall, on receiving said commitment, enter the names and places of residence of said witnesses on his docket, and shall, on demand, give a copy thereof to the accused, together with a copy of the commitment.

181. The said warden shall bring before the Criminal Court every person who may be committed to jail for want of bail for any of the offences mentioned in section 179 of this article, on the Saturday next succeeding his or her commitment; and if the said person shall think proper to waive his or her right to a trial by jury, and have his or her cause heard and determined in a summary way, the said court shall hear and determine the same, and the same shall be proceeded with in the same manner, and to the same legal effect, as if submitted on presentment or indictment by the grand jury.

182. The said warden shall file with the clerk of said court the original commitment, or a copy thereof, on the day preceding the trial.