

## FINES AND FORFEITURES.

229. All fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by the ordinances of the city, if not exceeding one hundred dollars, shall be recovered before a justice of the peace as small debts are, and if any fine, penalty and forfeiture exceed the sum of one hundred dollars, it shall be recovered by action of debt in the name of the corporation in the Criminal Court of Baltimore.

230. An appeal shall lie from the judgment of a justice of the peace imposing any fine, penalty or forfeiture, under the ordinances of the corporation, to the Court of Common Pleas, and shall be heard and decided at the session of the court next succeeding the appeal, unless the court shall then be in session, in which case the appeal shall be heard and decided at that session unless the court in its discretion shall grant a continuance.

231. All suits in the Criminal Court for fines, penalties and forfeitures under the ordinances of the city, shall stand for trial at the first session of the court to which they are brought, and in the event of an appeal to the Court of Appeals in any such cause, the same shall stand for argument at the term to which the appeal is taken.

232. One-half of all fines adjudged by and accruing in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, (except those mentioned in the next succeeding section of this article,) when secured by the sheriff of Baltimore city, shall be paid to the mayor and city council of Baltimore; and out of said fines the judge of said court may order and direct to be paid to the State's Attorney for said city, such additional fees, in cases of extraordinary duration and trouble, as he may deem just and reasonable; but this section shall not have any effect upon the rights of informers.

233. All fines imposed by said court on persons convicted of keeping houses of ill fame shall be divided equally between such dispensaries of said city as shall have had under their charge during the year preceding at least fifteen hundred patients.

234. No person shall hereafter be allowed to give security for the payment of any fine and costs imposed by the Criminal Court of Baltimore, but any person who shall be sentenced by the court to the payment of any fine and costs shall stand committed until they are paid; *Provided*, that if such fine and costs are less than