

An Act relating to Justices of the Peace in the City of Baltimore. Lib. TH. No. 6, fol. 437

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See 1796, ch. 43, s. 16 and 17.

1. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first day of May next, there shall be appointed and commissioned, for each ward in the city of Baltimore, at least one and not more than two justices of the peace, who shall be styled in their commission, Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the City of Baltimore, and who shall be compelled to keep an office in the ward for which they are appointed, and to keep a docket of cases decided by them.

One justice at least to be appointed for each ward

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no justice of the peace aforesaid shall issue a warrant for the recovery of a debt, except upon the application of the creditor for the same, in person, or by some agent or attorney duly authorised by him, other than a constable, and such warrant shall be made returnable before the same, or any justice of the ward in which the debtor may reside, and the defendant shall have his election to have his cause tried before the justice of either of such wards, and upon such election the case shall be referred to the justice so elected to try the same.

No warrant for recovery of a debt to be issued except upon application of creditor in person, &c

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the justice by whom any judgment shall be rendered shall alone have power to issue an execution thereon; but if said justice shall be then out of commission, any other magistrate of the said ward may issue said execution.

Justice rendering judgment to have alone power to issue execution thereon

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall and may be lawful for the said several justices of the peace in the city of Baltimore, to ask and receive the fees allowed and limited by this act, for services expressed in the following table, and such fees shall be taxed and paid by the party against whom judgment shall be rendered, to wit: For issuing a warrant for debt twenty-five cents; for all summons, including all the witnesses applied for at the same time, twenty-five cents; *capias satisfaciendum* or *feri facias*, fifty cents; *scire facias*, fifty cents; supersedeas of judgment in the county court, or court of appeals, fifty cents; every oath or affirmation, twelve and a half cents; probat to account, twelve and a half cents; every judgment rendered in disputed cases, fifty cents; and upon confession, twenty-five cents; commitment, twenty-five cents; release, twenty-five cents; search, and copy of judgment from docket, twelve and a half cents; warrant of attachment, fifty cents; *venire* to summon a jury in a forcible entry and detainer, or in cases of tenants holding over, fifty cents; attendance with jury on the premises, and taking inquisition and return thereon, per day, two dollars; warrant of restitution one dollar; taking acknowledgment of any deed for property conveyed in the city or county, or instrument of writing, twenty-five cents; taking appeal bond, fifty cents; taking a bail piece to county court, fifty cents; a pass, fifty cents; certificates of estrays, one dollar; taking deposition, ten cents, for every one hundred words, and so *pro rato*; and it shall be the duty of all and every justice of the peace aforesaid to prepare all warrants, probats to accounts, supersedeas, and other instruments, to be executed by them in virtue of this law, when required so to do.

Justices fees

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That constables employed in the following services shall be entitled to receive, for serving a search

Constables fees