

district court by the Chief Justice, or in his absence by the next named presiding Justice, so that a full docket may be made, in the manner herein before directed, of all cases, suits, actions, complaints, pleas, and subpoenas and attachments intended to be brought or returned before the said district court, and upon the final decision of any such case, an entry shall be made in the said docket by the Chief Justice, or in case of his absence by the presiding Justice, of the final judgment of the court, which shall specify and declare the true parties to the case, the date of the judgment, the principal debt or damage, the time from which interest is awarded, and the costs taxed and adjudged; and it shall be the duty of every such Chief Justice safely to keep and preserve the said docket of the judgments rendered by the said district court, and transmit the same to his successor in office; but in case the said Chief Justice shall at any time be unable to attend the sitting of of the said district court, he shall cause the said docket of judgments to be delivered for the time being into the possession of the Justice next named in the commission, whose duty it shall be to keep and preserve the same, and after the sittings of the said court shall have been ended, carefully return the same to the said Chief Justice for safe keeping, and if any person shall willfully alter any part of the entries or judgments contained in the said docket, he shall be deemed guilty of forgery, and upon prosecution and conviction thereof in the county court, he shall suffer the punishment prescribed by law for the offence of forgery.

Entries of final judgment directed

Delivery over of said docket

Persons altering entries deemed guilty of forgery

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted,* That the said district court shall have criminal jurisdiction in all cases of assault and battery committed within the district thereof, unless it shall appear to the said district court upon a hearing of the case that the said assault and battery was committed with an intent to kill, and it shall be lawful for the said court when informed by complaint made upon oath before them or of their own knowledge of the commission of any such offence within the said district, to issue a *capias* in the name of the State against the person accused, directed to some constable of the district, to compel his or her appear-

Jurisdiction in cases of assault and battery

Issue *capias*