

ing or hearings as may be demanded in criminal causes generally, or in which they have no jurisdiction to finally determine, and may hold the accused for the Grand Jury agreeably to existing law; in case of homicide they may hold the accused for the action of the County Coroner and in the absence of the County Coroner, they may perform his duties.

Civil Jurisdiction.

1927, ch. 297, sec. 179D.

328. Said Justices of the Peace shall have civil jurisdiction in all cases for the collection of debts, enforcement of contracts and for redress for wrongs where the debt or the damage claimed shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, to all suits on bonds where the penalty does not exceed three hundred dollars; to all actions of replevin where the value of the thing in controversy, after being duly appraised, shall not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars; to all cases of attachment against resident, non-resident or absconding debtors, and to all cases of attachment mentioned in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, where the sum claimed does not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars; and to all other civil causes where the sum claimed does not exceed the sum of three hundred dollars, all exclusive of costs; and said Justices shall have jurisdiction to try and determine all of said causes and the controversy thereof between the parties upon a full hearing of all the allegations and evidence, and shall give judgment according to the Law of the Land and the equity, justice and right of the matter. But said justices shall not have jurisdiction where the title to land is involved, or in any action for slander, libel, breach of promise to marry, or to enforce any lien for work done or material furnished.

Authority of Police Magistrate.

1927, ch. 297, sec. 179E.

329. Said justices shall possess the same authority and powers that the City Police Magistrate for the City of Cumberland now has; and each one of said justices shall act as and sit as the City Police Magistrate for Cumberland at the Police Court for the period of six months in each year; and they shall have, when sitting as City Police Magistrate during their term, jurisdiction to try and determine all causes that shall arise from the violation of the Charter, Ordinances and Rules and Regulations of the Mayor and City Council of Cumberland, Maryland, to the same extent and in the same manner as it is now exercised by the Justice of the Peace who sits as City Police Magistrate for Cumberland, Maryland.

Right of Removal.

1927, ch. 297, sec. 179F.

330. Said Justices shall, in all causes brought before them sit individually and not en banc; and the right of removal from one to another,