

provisions or sections shall not be construed as invalidating the entire Act.*

JURISDICTION.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 23, sec. 55. 1870, ch. 140.

113. The justices of the peace for Wicomico county shall have jurisdiction over and may take cognizance of actions of assault and battery, where the damages claimed do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars; and also criminal jurisdiction in all cases of assault and battery committed in said county, unless it shall appear to the said justice of the peace, upon the hearing of the case, that the said assault and battery was committed with intent to kill.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 23, sec. 56. 1870, ch. 140.

114. In all cases under the preceding section, either party shall be allowed an appeal to the circuit court for Wicomico county, where they shall be tried *de novo*; and all such appeals shall be taken in such manner as is now provided for by law in other cases of appeals from judgments of justices of the peace.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 23, sec. 57. 1884, ch. 510. 1890, ch. 428.

115. The several justices of the peace of Wicomico county shall have, in addition to the jurisdiction which they now possess, and which may be conferred upon them by or under the laws of this State, jurisdiction concurrent with that exercised by the circuit court for said county in all cases of assault, without any felonious intent, and in all cases of assault and battery, and in all cases of petit larceny when the value of the property stolen does not exceed the sum of five dollars, and in all misdemeanors, not punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, which may be committed within their respective jurisdictions; and shall have jurisdiction in all prosecutions or proceedings for the recovery of any penalty for doing, or omitting to do any act, the doing of which, or the omission to do which, is made punishable under the laws of this State, within their said jurisdiction, by any pecuniary fine or penalty, or by imprisonment in jail or in the Maryland house of correction; all of which acts or omissions are hereby declared to be criminal offenses; and the said justices shall have power to issue all process, and to do all acts which may be necessary to the exercise of their said jurisdiction, and may try and determine all cases whereof they may have jurisdiction, and may pronounce judgment and sentence therein in the same manner and to the same extent as the circuit court for said county could in such cases, if such cases were tried before them without the intervention of a jury; provided, however, that if any person, when brought before any such justice having jurisdiction of the case, shall before trial for the alleged offense, pray a jury trial, or

*Sec. 3, ch. 329, 1927, and sec. 3, ch. 19, 1929, repealed all Acts inconsistent therewith.