

road, or the Baltimore and Potomac railroad, or the Western Maryland railroad, or any other railroad running out of Baltimore City, or in any of the cars or depots, or at any of the stations on said roads, or on any ferry boat employed to carry passengers over any part of said roads and within the limits of this State, charged with being a common thief or pickpocket, such person may be taken before any justice of the peace of the county in which said place, or depot or station may be situated; or if such person be arrested in any car or on any ferry boat, before any justice of the peace of the nearest convenient county or of the city of Baltimore;¹ and such justice shall on proof as provided in the preceding section commit or bail such person for trial before the circuit court for the county, or the criminal court of Baltimore, as the case may be; and all police officers of Baltimore City, and all conductors of trains and police employed by any of said railway companies, and all constables and bailiffs of any county or city on the lines of said roads shall arrest all such persons at any of the places aforesaid on the same knowledge and proof of their being common thieves or pickpockets as provided in the preceding section, and the said justice shall commit or bail such persons on the same knowledge or proof. Any person convicted in any county on the line of said roads with being a common pickpocket shall be punished by fine or imprisonment in the jail of the county for the same time and in the same amount as provided in the preceding section; and all the provisions of the preceding sections shall apply to all cases under this section, except so far as altered by this section.

See note to sec. 581.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 494. 1912, sec. 446. 1904, sec. 394. 1888, sec. 257. 1864, ch. 38.

583. Any person convicted in any county of this State of the offense of being a common thief or common pickpocket shall be fined and imprisoned in the county jail for the same amount or time as provided in section 581, and the provisions of said section shall apply to this section, except so far as altered by this section.

See note to sec. 581.

Threats and Threatening Letters.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 495. 1912, sec. 447. 1904, sec. 395. 1896, ch. 396, sec. 257A.

584. Every person who shall knowingly send or deliver, or shall make, and, for the purpose of being delivered or sent, shall part with the possession of any letter or writing with or without a name subscribed thereto, or signed with a fictitious name, or with any letter, mark or other designation, threatening therein to accuse any person of any crime of an indictable nature under the laws of this State, or of anything, which, if true, would bring such person into contempt or disrepute or to do any injury to the person or property of anyone, with a view or intent to extort or gain any money, goods or chattels or other valuable thing shall be guilty of felony, and being convicted thereof shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than ten years.

Indictment under this section need not set out name of the person to whom the threatening letter was sent. The sentence of traverser to ten years in the penitentiary under this section is not a cruel and unusual punishment. Several counts in an indictment relating to same transaction, upheld. A variance denied. A confession held voluntary. Alleged objectionable argument of state's attorney. Instruction to jury at their request after they have retired to their room. *Toomer v. State*, 112 Md. 285.

¹ Station house justice.