

An. Code, 1924, sec. 20. 1912, sec. 18. 1904, sec. 16. 1888, sec. 15. 1814, ch. 82, sec. 1.  
1864, ch. 179, 1870, ch. 39.

**22.** Whenever a justice of the peace shall vacate his office by resignation, removal from office, or the expiration of his official term, he shall deliver his docket, together with all the notes, bonds, accounts and papers in his possession appertaining to judgments or whereupon suits have been entered, to the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which such justice resides, or to the clerk of the Baltimore City court, in case such justice resides within the city of Baltimore, within thirty days after such resignation, removal from office, or expiration of official term; and any justice of the peace who shall fail to deliver his docket, as aforesaid (in case the said docket shall not have been unavoidably lost or destroyed), shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars or to six months' imprisonment in the jail of the county or city, at the discretion of the court.

This section referred to by way of example in *Slymer v. State*, 62 Md. 243.

See note to sec. 19.

See art. 17, sec. 52.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 21. 1912, sec. 19. 1904, sec. 17. 1888, sec. 16. 1814, ch. 82, sec. 1.  
1864, ch. 179. 1870, ch. 39.

**23.** If a justice of the peace dies, the delivery provided for in the preceding section shall be made by his administrator or other person in whose hands the said docket, notes, bonds, accounts and papers may be within thirty days after receiving the same; and such administrator or other person shall be subject to the same penalty for neglect or failure to make such delivery which is appointed in the preceding section.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 22. 1912, sec. 20. 1904, sec. 18. 1888, sec. 17. 1814, ch. 82, sec. 1.

**24.** The clerks to whom such dockets and papers are delivered shall keep the same as other records and shall deliver transcripts from the dockets or papers so returned to any person applying for the same.

See art. 17, sec. 52.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 23. 1912, sec. 21. 1904, sec. 19. 1888, sec. 18. 1809, ch. 76, sec. 4.  
1814, ch. 82, sec. 1.

**25.** Any justice of the peace of the same county may issue process of any sort on a copy of another justice's docket made by the clerk, if the docket has been delivered to him, that he might issue if the docket had been kept by himself.

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An. Code, 1924, sec. 24. 1912, sec. 22. 1904, sec. 20. 1888, sec. 19. 1818, ch. 106, sec. 2.

**26.** No justice of the peace shall grant any blank summons or execution to any constable or party; and any justice so granting a blank summons or execution shall, on conviction, be fined not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding four hundred dollars.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 25. 1912, sec. 23. 1904, sec. 21. 1888, sec. 20. 1791, ch. 68, sec. 6.  
1841, ch. 139. 1852, ch. 76, sec. 3.

**27.** The process to be issued by justices of the peace in civil cases shall be a summons, wherein shall be stated briefly the purpose for which the party is summoned, and shall be made returnable before the justice issuing