

treason or other offences against the State of Maryland, or against the United States; and I swear this without any mental reservation or qualification, so help me God. The said oath shall be administered to the jurors at each term of the court, or at the commencement of the term of service of every juror, only once to each juror during such term of service; and no person shall serve on jury without having so taken said oath.

Passed March 9, 1864.

ARTICLE LI.

Justices of the Peace.

CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Chapter 179 repeals sections 9, 10, and enacts the following as a substitute therefor:

SEC. 1. 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 of the county in which such justice resides, or to the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas 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 agreed, (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.

2. 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 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 last preceding section.

In force from February 18, 1864.