

1868, c. 375 repeals section 623 and substitutes the following therefor :

1868, c. 375.  
Before whom  
summons may  
be made re-  
turnable and  
case tried.

623. Every summons issued by said justices shall be made returnable before the same, or any justice of the peace of the ward in which the debtor may reside, and the defendant shall have his election to have his cause tried before the justice who issued the summons, or before the justice of the ward in which he resides.

In force and approved March 30, 1868.

#### CONSTABLES.

1868, c. 468 recites that whereas the present mayor and city council of Baltimore, elected under the present constitution of the state of Maryland, did, in or about the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, appoint certain constables for the city of Baltimore; and whereas the court of appeals of Maryland has since decided, in the case of William P. Smith et al. vs. Robert A. Thursby, that the said mayor and city council of Baltimore had not the right at that time to make said appointments, and that therefore said appointments were irregular and illegal; and whereas said constables, prior to the rendition of said decision by the said court of appeals of Maryland, had entered upon and discharged the duties of constables in said city; wherefore it is deemed expedient, in order to save trouble, inconvenience and litigation, to pass an act making valid the official acts of said constables done by them pending said decision, therefore it enacts, that all the official acts of the constables aforesaid, done by them prior to the date of the rendition of the aforesaid decision, be, and the same are hereby made legal and valid in all respects, as if the said constables had been legally qualified and authorized to perform such official acts at the time said acts and each of them were performed.

#### ORPHANS' COURT.

1868, c. 20 amends and re-enacts section 805 as follows :

1868 c. 20.  
Pay of bailiff

805. The bailiff of said orphans' court shall receive four dollars a day for each days' attendance upon said court.

In force and approved February 18, 1868.