

in the several counties of the state, including the power of appointing three trustees of the poor in said county.

It is further enacted that the present board of county commissioners of Wicomico county shall be and remain in office during the whole term for which they were elected, with all the powers conferred by the first section of this act.

Approved and in force March 19, 1870.

FUR.

For the act of 1870, c. 167, entitled an act for the better protection of fur in Dorchester and Wicomico counties, see public local laws, Article X, Dorchester county, sub-title Fur.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE AND CONSTABLES.

1870, c. 63 enacts : That the commissioners of Wicomico county are hereby directed and empowered to appoint an additional constable in Sharptown district, number ten, of said county, to have and exercise all the powers belonging to other constables of said county.

Approved and in force March 2, 1870.

1870, c. 140 adds the following :

23. 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 should appear to the said justices of the peace, upon the hearing of the case, that the said assault and battery was committed with intent to kill.

1870, c. 140, s. 1.
Jurisdiction in
cases of assault
and battery.

24. In all cases hereafter tried under this act before justices of the peace for said county, 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.

Ibid s. 2.
Appeal.

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