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think fit, not exceeding twenty dollars for any one offence—all of which fines shall go to the State.

2. The judges of the several courts of this State exercising civil jurisdiction, shall prescribe by rule of court the manner in which suits may be dismissed by the parties or their attorneys during the recess.

#### CONTEMPT OF COURT.

3. The power of the several courts of this State to issue attachments, and inflict summary punishments for contempts of court, shall not be construed to extend to any cases except the misbehavior of any person or persons in the presence of the said courts, or so near thereto as to obstruct the administration of justice; or the misbehavior of any of the officers of the said courts in their official transactions; or the disobedience or resistance by any officer of the said courts, party, juror, witness, or any other person or persons to any lawful writ, process, order, rule, decree, or command of the said courts.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

4. In case of the absence of the judge of any court (except the Court of Appeals), the clerk may adjourn the court from day to day; or he may by written order from the judge adjourn the court to the next term thereof, or to such other day before the next term as by said order he may be directed.

#### ENTRY OF JUDGMENTS BY CONFESSION IN RECESS.

5. Any judge in the recess of his court, may order his clerk to enter a judgment by confession with the assent of the parties or their attorneys, in writing, which shall be filed with the order of the judge, and a judgment so entered shall, from the date of its entry by the clerk, have the same effect as if entered during the session of the court.

#### INSPECTION OF RECORDS.

6. It shall be the duty of the judges of the several courts of law and equity, at every term, to inspect the records and papers of the offices attached to their respective courts relating to lands, tenements, or other real estate, and examine the condition thereof, and see whether the clerk of such court has performed the duties required of him by law, relating to the recording of judgments, decrees, executions, and proceedings, and whether he has entered and transcribed the docket entries as required by law. And if it should appear, on such examination, that any of the records have become so dilapidated and worn as to require them to be transcribed, he shall order and direct the clerk to transcribe the same into new record books, which the clerk shall procure for that purpose; and such new records, when so transcribed, shall be carefully examined and certified by said clerk, and, when so examined and certified,