

General Provisions.

1868, art. 26, sec. 1. 1860, art. 29, sec. 1. 1715, ch. 41, sec. 2.

1. The judges of the several courts of law and of equity may make such rules and orders from time to time for the well-governing and regulating their respective courts and the officers and suitors thereof and under such fines and forfeitures as they shall think fit, not exceeding twenty dollars for any one offense, all of which fines shall go to the State.

Union Bank v. Ridgely, 1 H. & G. 324. *Wall's Ex. v. Wall*, 2 H. & G. 79. *Middleton v. Edelen*, 1 H. & J. 461. *Benson v. Davis*, 6 H & J. 272. *Carroll v. Barber*, 7 H. & J. 454. *Dunbar v. Conway*, 11 G. & J 92. *Oliver v. Palmer*, 11 G. & J. 426. *Mitchell v. Mitchell*, 1 Gill, 66. *Calvert v. Coxe*, 1 Gill, 95. *Gist v. Drakeley*, 2 Gill, 346. *Carson v. White*, 6 Gill, 21. *Blessing v. Hape*, 8 Md. 32. *Contee's Admr. v. Pratt*, 9 Md. 67. *Kunkel v. Spooner*, 9 Md. 463. *Harwood v. Marshall*, 10 Md. 462. *Robinson v Commissioners of Harford Co.*, 12 Md 133. *Hughes v Jackson*, 12 Md. 463. *Davis v. Reed*, 14 Md. 157. *Ricketts v. Pendleton*, 14 Md. 321. *Rutherford v. Pope*, 15 Md. 579. *Cherry v. Baker*, 17 Md. 75. *Scott v Scott*, 17 Md. 78. *Morrison v. Welty*, 18 Md. 169. *Sellers v Zimmerman*, 18 Md. 255. *Wash. & Balto. T. R. v. State*, 19 Md 293. *Matthews v. Dars*, 20 Md 248. *Cook v. Carr*, 20 Md. 412. *Gambrill v. Parker*, 31 Md 1

Ibid sec. 2. 1860, art. 29, sec. 2, 1840, ch 96, sec 2.

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 recess.

Ibid. sec. 3. 1860, art. 29, sec. 3. 1805, ch. 65, sec. 51.

3. No person shall sue or be sued in privilege.

Brooks v. Chesley, 4 H. & Mc H. 295. *Peters v. League*, 13 Md. 59.

Ibid. sec 4. 1860, art. 29, sec. 4. 1853, ch. 450, sec. 1. 1898, ch. 31.

4. The power of the several courts of the State to issue attachments and inflict summary punishments for contempt of courts shall not be construed to extend to any cases except the following: (1) 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; (2) the misbehavior of any officers of the said courts in their official transactions; (3) 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; (4) for unlawfully detaining or fraudulently and