

CHAPTER 33.

AN ACT to regulate the time of holding the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and making further provision for the attendance of Juries therein. Passed March 22, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the criminal court of Baltimore shall hold three regular sessions yearly, to commence on the second Monday of January, second Monday of May, and second Monday of September; and such sessions shall continue until all the business before it shall be finished; and the judge of that court shall hold a court every Saturday during the year, on which day no petit jury shall be in attendance, unless such has been before empaneled, and the case before it not concluded. Three regular sessions to be held.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the grand jury in attendance at a regular session of the said criminal court, shall not be finally discharged until the Saturday preceding the commencement of the next regular session, but having finished the business before them, they may stand adjourned until called together by an order to the sheriff from the judge thereof, or of the State's attorney for the city. Final discharge of grand jury.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That a petit jury may be summoned at any time during the interval between two regular sessions of said criminal court, by an order to the sheriff from the judge thereof, or the State's attorney of the said city. Petit jury may be summoned.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That at such special terms of the aforesaid court, all cases may be tried and disposed of as at the regular terms thereof. Trials at special terms.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from its passage, and that the grand jury now in attendance on the criminal court of Baltimore shall not be finally discharged until the Saturday preceding the next May term. In force.