

1 There are a number of difficulties inherent
2 in retaining the section. The first one is, of course,
3 is that in giving a right to jury trial in all civil cases,
4 regardless of the amount in controversy, in \$5, whether
5 you take it or leave it, is such a small amount that it
6 amounts to an absolute right, could create a tremendous
7 amount of unnecessary expense and confusion if availed of
8 by many litigants. It dates from the time when judges
9 were not to be trusted and juries were.

10 I think the reverse is often the case today.
11 More seriously, however, and this is a subject which Mr.
12 Case's Commission of the Maryland State Bar Association,
13 in formulating recommendations for the Courts of limited
14 jurisdiction, and this Commission, in going through the
15 judiciary article has had to contend with, is the question
16 of jurisdiction, exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of
17 limited jurisdiction.

18 We contemplate that the District Courts which
19 this Commission has recommended be staffed by full-time
20 judges in every County of the State and will have exclusive
21 jurisdiction to a given dollar amount uniformly throughout