

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

in all misdemeanors not punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, which may be committed within their jurisdiction, and shall have jurisdiction in all prosecutions or proceedings for the recovery of any penalty for doing or omitting to do any act the doing of which, or the omission to do which, is made punishable under the laws of this State, within their said jurisdiction, by any pecuniary fine or penalty, or by imprisonment in jail or in the Maryland House of Correction; all of which acts or omissions are hereby declared to be criminal offenses; and the said justices shall have power to issue all process and to do all acts which may be necessary to the exercise of their said jurisdiction; and may try and determine all cases whereof they may have jurisdiction; and may pronounce judgment and sentence therein, in the same manner and to the same extent, as the circuit court for said county could in such cases, if such cases were tried before them, without the intervention of a jury; provided, however, that if any person, when brought before any such justice having jurisdiction of the case, shall, before trial for the alleged offense, pray a jury trial, or if the State's attorney for said county shall, before the trial of such alleged offense, pray a jury trial on the part of the State, it shall be the duty of any such justice to commit such alleged offender for the action of the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court for Harford county, and to return said commitment or recognizance, with the names and the residences of the witnesses for the prosecution endorsed thereon, forthwith to the clerk of said court; and the justice before whom the case is tried shall inform the person charged of his right to a jury trial. And if on waiver of jury trial before the justice, and trial before him, either party shall feel aggrieved, there shall be right of appeal to the Circuit Court for Harford county; in case the judgment of the justice of the peace is against the accused, and he shall appeal, he shall enter into recognizance with the penalty to be fixed and the security to be approved by the justice of the peace, and in every such case the appeal shall be taken within ten (10) days after judgment entered.

Presentment  
by grand  
jury.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases provided by the Acts of Assembly for punishment upon conviction before justices of the peace, for offenses committed in Harford county, the said offenders may be presented by the Grand Jury of the Circuit Court for said county, instead of before a justice of the peace, and in all cases of criminal offenses in which justices of the peace of Harford county may by law