

## CHAPTER 281.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section six hundred and fifteen of Article four of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," sub title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," as re enacted by the Act of eighteen hundred and ninety, Chapter three hundred and sixty-nine.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section six hundred and fifteen of article four of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," as re-enacted by the act of eighteen hundred and ninety, chapter three hundred and sixty-nine, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted, so as to read as follows: Repeal.

615. It shall be the duty of each justice of the peace so selected to sit at any station house in the city of Baltimore, to hear all charges made against any person because of the alleged commission by such person of any criminal offence; it shall be the duty of said justices to examine carefully into every such charge, to the end that while justice shall be done, no person shall be subjected to costs or imprisonment without sufficient cause; each of the said justices of the peace shall have power to hear, try and determine the case of every person who may be arrested and brought before him in the said city of Baltimore, charged with being a tramp, who is or may be punishable as such under sections two hundred and seventy-five and two hundred and seventy-six of article twenty-seven of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Crimes and Punishments;" and to hear, try and determine the cases of all persons arrested and brought before him charged with any offence specified in sections sixty-seven and sixty-eight of the same article or in sections eight hundred and ninety-four to eight hundred and ninety-seven of this article, sub-title "Vagrant Children;" and to hear, try and determine the cases of all persons brought before him charged with assault or with assault and battery; and to hear, try and determine all charges of carrying concealed weapons, and all prosecutions or criminal proceedings for an act done or omitted to be done in the city of Baltimore, the doing of which act or the omission to do which act, which is or may be punishable under any act of Assembly of this State or under any ordinance of the Mayor Duties of justices of the peace.