

or tenements, whether real estate or chattels real within the limits of the City of Baltimore, shall fail to pay the rent thereunder when due and payable, it shall be lawful for the lessor to have again and re-possess the premises so rented.

652. Whenever any lessor shall desire to have again and re-possess any premises to which he is entitled under the provisions of the preceding section, he, or his duly qualified agent or attorney, shall make his written complaint under oath or affirmation, before any Justice of the Peace of the City of Baltimore, and describing therein in general terms the property sought to be had again and re-possessed as aforesaid, and also setting forth the name of the tenant to whom the same is rented, or his assignee or under tenant or tenants, with the amount of rent thereon due and unpaid; and praying by warrant to have again and re-possess the premises, together with judgment for the amount of rent due and costs; and it shall thereupon be the duty of said Justice of the Peace forthwith to issue his summons, directed to any constable of the City of Baltimore, and ordering him to notify said tenant, assignee or under tenant forthwith to appear before the said Justice of the Peace, at the trial to be held on the second day after the filing said complaint, to show cause why the prayer of said lessor should not be granted as aforesaid, and the said constable shall forthwith proceed to serve said summons upon said tenant, assignee or under tenant in said premises, or upon his or their known or authorized agent, but if for any reason, neither said tenant, assignee or under tenant, nor his or their agent can be found, then said constable shall affix an attested copy of said summons conspicuously upon said premises, and such affixing of said summons shall, for the purposes of this sub-division of this Article, be deemed and construed a sufficient service upon all persons whomsoever.

653. If at the trial on the second day aforesaid, the Justice of the Peace shall be satisfied the interest of justice will be better served by an adjournment to enable either party to procure his