

justice of the peace sitting at said station house shall take jurisdiction in said case.

206. When there is an arrest by a police officer or constable of any person for any violation of the law punishable either by a fine or imprisonment, or by a fine alone, during the hours when the station house justices as aforesaid are not at said respective station houses, the officer on duty and in charge of said station house, or such station house justice if he can be found, is hereby authorized and empowered to release for the next hearing before said station house justice any person so arrested upon a deposit of an amount equal to the maximum fine and the costs or penalty imposed if found guilty, as surety for such appearance, and after the hearing the deposit so made is to be returned to the depositor if the complaint is dismissed or held for court, upon his appearance at said hearing, and if said person so arrested fails to appear at said hearing, or if he appears and is convicted of such charge, the amount so deposited, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the fine or penalty imposed and costs, shall be appropriated as designated by law.

207. It shall be the duty of the police officers appointed by the County Commissioners of Baltimore county, when called upon so to do, to serve and execute any and all writs, warrants, subpoenas and commitments which may be issued by the justices of the peace of Baltimore county in the exercise of their criminal jurisdiction; said police officers to receive no additional compensation for such services; in the twelfth election district all writs or warrants as aforesaid issued by any justice of the peace other than the station house justice aforesaid shall be delivered for service or execution to a police officer of said district, and shall not be delivered to or served by any constable of said district; provided, however, that the station house justice appointed for said district may, in his discretion, deliver writs, warrants, subpoenas and commitments to either a constable or police officer, in his discretion.

208. No justice of the peace, in any case of debt or damages whatever, shall issue a summons for the defendant, except on application for the same by the plaintiff or his attorney, in person or in writing, accompanied with the cause or causes of action in said case; nor an execution except upon the order of the plaintiff or his attorney, in person or in writing; and if any justice of the peace shall issue a summons or execution contrary to the provisions of this section, or if any constable shall knowingly serve the same, such justice or constable shall be liable to indictment in the Circuit Court for Baltimore county, and on conviction shall be disqualified from holding his office.