

exceeds Fifty Dollars and does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars.

PRACTICE :

54-F. Whenever a civil cause shall be docketed before said Judge of the Peoples Court, a summons shall forthwith issue to the defendant or defendants, as the case may be, returnable on a day named therein, not less than six nor more than ten days from the time of the filing of the suit; and if the defendant or defendants are fully summoned and fail to appear on the return day named therein, the cause shall be continued not less than three nor more than five days from the return day; and if the defendant or defendants, as the case may be, fail to appear on the day to which said cause is continued, the case shall then be tried *ex parte* and the judgment rendered accordingly.

The practice, procedure and rules for the trial and conduct of all causes before said Judge of The Peoples Court shall be such as have been found proper by usage and custom where the same is found applicable, except that there shall be no special pleading; the common counts or a like declaration, and the form of pleas may be used; all causes of action shall begin upon the filing of a brief copy of the claim or the instrument upon which the suit is brought; when the party plaintiff is a non-resident of the State of Maryland, the claim must be accompanied by an affidavit before a Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths; costs of all causes shall follow the judgment, and on appeal, the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall tax said costs when the appeal is finally determined; all appeals in both Civil and Criminal causes must be taken within twenty days from the date judgment is entered: and all costs must be paid before the appeal papers are transmitted to the Circuit Court, unless the party taking the appeal shall make oath that they are unable by reason of poverty to pay the costs, in which case the appeal shall be transmitted in the same manner as if the costs had been paid; civil appeal bonds shall be filed in accordance with common practice or existing law; all judgments rendered by said Judge of The Peoples Court may be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the same manner as Magistrate Judgments are now recorded; judgments by confession may be entered before said Judge of The Peoples Court in any sum not exceeding Three Hundred Dollars, and may be recorded as Magistrate Judgments are now recorded; rules for the security for costs against non-resident litigants may be laid; and the payment of costs by certified check or a deposit thereof shall be deemed a compliance; all papers relating to causes of action must be kept together, and the same shall be considered the archives of the Court.