

writing or account, upon which such action is brought. The plaintiff or his agent shall affix his signature to the statement of claim, and, if required by law or rule, shall verify such statement by oath or affirmation. When and as authorized by rule, a clerk of such Justice of the Peace shall, without charge therefor, assist in the preparation of the statement of claim and other papers required to be filed in an action before said Justice, and administer requisite oaths or affirmations.

174B. Summons, which shall include as a part thereof a copy of the statement of claim and verification, if any, shall be served upon the defendant named therein, either by constable or, in suits for money judgments only, when and as authorized by rule as hereinafter provided, by registered mail with return receipt. Where service is by registered mail, the clerk shall enclose the summons and a copy of the statement of claim and verification, if any, in an envelope addressed to the defendant, prepay the postage and mail the same forthwith, noting on the records the day and hour of mailing. Such receipt when returned shall be attached by the clerk to the original statement of claim and shall constitute prima facie evidence of service upon the defendant. If such receipt is not returned within such time as shall be prescribed by rule, personal service upon such defendant shall be made by constable. Any such mail summons shall constitute effective service even though not delivered if such non-delivery is caused by the addressee's refusal to accept delivery, provided the clerk mails such summons to the addressee by ordinary mail at least three days before the date fixed for the trial. Notations by an authorized postal employee to the effect that the addressee has refused delivery shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

174C. Before any of the following acts or services shall be performed in connection with any action or proceeding before any Justice of the Peace for Baltimore County, there shall be paid to such Justice of the Peace or his clerk, for the use of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, a municipal corporation, the following fees and costs:

For filing actions Ex-contractu, Ex-delicto, and Landlord and Tenant, and trial of such actions, including two defendants.....	\$1.50
For summoning each additional defendant.....	.25
For reissue50
For summoning each witness.....	.25
For issuing writ of fi. fa.....	1.00
For issuing writ of sci. fa.....	1.00
For issuing writ of supersedeas.....	1.00
For oath or affidavit, probate account.....	.25