

appoint and commission, three persons of integrity and sound judgment, residing within the city or precincts of Baltimore, as associate justices of the Baltimore city court, to act in conjunction with the chief justice of the third district, to perform the business of the said court, and which said court shall hereafter be styled, in all legal proceedings, Baltimore City Court; and the said chief justice, or any two of his associates, shall be and they are hereby empowered and required to meet on the second Monday in January, on the first Monday in March and August, and on the third Monday in November, in every year, for the trial of all felonies, crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed, or that may hereafter be committed, in Baltimore city or precincts, and not particularly by law directed to be tried in the general court.

II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriff of Baltimore county for the time being shall summon forty-eight good and lawful men of the city or precincts of Baltimore, six days before the days herein before appointed for the holding said court, as grand and petit jurors, for the presentment and trial of criminal cases only, and shall return a pannel of them accordingly; and every person that shall be so summoned, and shall neglect or refuse to appear at the day, and make default, shall be fined by the said justices not exceeding ten pounds current money, to be applied to the use of Baltimore county, and every grand and petit juror shall have an allowance of one dollar and thirty-three cents for every day's attendance, to be assessed and collected with the county assessment.

Sheriff to summon jurors, &c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and singular the clauses, sections and provisions, contained in the act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, entitled, An act respecting the punishment of criminals, except so much thereof as relates to, and provides for, the appointment of, and compensation to, the chief justice and his associates, the summoning a grand and petit jury, and such parts thereof as are repealed by the operation of an act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-six, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, be and are hereby continued until the thirtieth day of January, in the year eighteen hundred; and all and singular the jurisdiction, powers and authorities, vested in the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county by said act, shall be and are hereby vested in, and may be rightfully exercised by, Baltimore city court, at their sittings for criminal business as herein before mentioned, excepting that Baltimore city court shall have cognizance of such felonies, crimes, offences and misdemeanors only, as are or may be committed in the body of Baltimore city and precincts.

Clauses, &c. continued, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all felonies, crimes and misdemeanors, triable in the county courts of this state, and committed in the body of Baltimore county, without the limits of Baltimore city and precincts, may and shall be tried, or submitted on presentment, in Baltimore county court, and said court may pass judgment, in the same manner that any county court may, against any criminal convicted before them; and the sheriff of Baltimore county for the time being shall hereafter summon grand and petit jurors to attend the said county courts, in the same manner as is or may be done in the other counties of this state, any thing in the twenty-eighth section of the act, entitled, An act respecting the punishment of criminals, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, notwithstanding; and all felonies, crimes, offences and misdemeanors, triable in the county courts of this state, and committed in the body of Baltimore county, may and shall be tried or submitted in Baltimore county court, in their half yearly sittings for the transaction of the civil business of the said county; and all misdemeanors and offences triable before a single justice of the peace, may, as heretofore, be tried before any justice of the peace of said county, and the offender (if guilty) punished as the law directs; provided always, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to lessen or impair the jurisdiction of the general court in any criminal matter wherein the said jurisdiction is concurrent with that of the county courts of this state.

Certain felonies, &c. to be tried in Baltimore county, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said chief justice shall receive, as a compensation for his services, at the rate of three hundred pounds current money *per annum*, on condition he shall reside in the city or precincts of Baltimore, and in case the said chief justice shall not reside in the said city or precincts, then and in that event he shall only be entitled to receive at the rate of two hundred pounds current money *per annum*; and the said associate justices shall each of them receive the sum of twenty shillings *per diem* for their attendance in courts; and the compensation to the said chief justice, and his associates as aforesaid, shall be levied and paid as heretofore, in the manner prescribed by the act of assembly, entitled, An act respecting the punishment of criminals, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three.

Compensation to the chief justice, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all those clauses, regulations and provisions, of the act of assembly passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled, An act to separate the criminal business arising in the county and city of Baltimore, which are contained in the second, third, fourth, fifth, seventh and last sections thereof, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Clauses, &c. repealed.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all those clauses, regulations and provisions, of the said act, entitled, An act to separate the criminal business arising in the county and city of Baltimore, which are contained in the sixth, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth sections thereof, be and the same are hereby continued and declared to be in force during the continuance of this act.

Clauses, &c. continued.

VIII. This act to continue and be in force until the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred.

Duration.