

pected, from any justice or justices within this province, touching any matter between party and party, and shall have 2s. 6d. or 30lb. tobacco fee for serving all the precepts relating to any one action or demand—1715, c. 15, § 6.

6. Where several constables are employed in executing precepts relating to one matter, the justices may direct what fee, not exceeding 2s. 6d. &c. shall be paid to each.—*ibid.* § 7.

7. Constables fees are levyable by execution on the complainant, and shall be allowed to the party recovering, in his costs—*ibid.*

8. All warrants for small debts shall be directed to some constable of a hundred, unless at the request of the futor, it be directed to some friend, who will serve it gratis; in which case the futor shall, nevertheless, be liable to pay the constable of the hundred, where served, his just fee—1719, c. 12, § 4.

9. Each constable shall be allowed 20lb. of tobacco for every warrant, and 10lb. of tobacco for every summons by him served, to be paid in tobacco or specie, valuing Spanish dollars at 7s. 6d. each, and gold and other silver in proportion, at the rate of 12s. 6d. per hundred.—*CA.* 1780, c. 17, § 1, 2.

10. Whenever any person shall be appointed a constable by any court, and shall neglect to act according to such appointment, and shall not, within five days after notice of such appointment, qualify as constable, or within that time find a sufficient and proper person to qualify and act in his stead, he shall be fined by the said court not exceeding 10l. current money—*April 1782, c. 40, § 2.*

11. Every constable shall, as often as he may have knowledge of any free woman having an illegitimate child within his hundred, make information thereof to the next, or some justice of the peace for his county—1785, c. 47, § 3.

See *Cursing, &c.*—county clerks, 28—county courts, 16—criminal jurisdiction of Baltimore, 22—fines and forfeitures, 4—fornication, 4—hawkers and pedlars, 3—jury and jurors, 3—negroes, &c. 12, 13, 14, 16—oath of office, 32—poor houses, 22—quakers, 6—retailers of spirituous liquors, 4—small debts, 1, 2, 3, 6, 11, 15.

CONTINUANCE OF ACTIONS.

1. **A**LL actions brought in any courts of law, within this province, may be continued to the end of the fourth court after the appearance court,