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DOCUMENTS Accompanying the report of a committee appointed by the House of Delegates, to enquire into the administration of justice in this state.

CALVERT COUNTY, PRINCE FREDERICK TOWN, 13th January 1823,

SIR—I have the honor to submit the following report, in compliance with your order of the 19th ultimo. So much of the information required, as can be exhibited in tables, will be found in those accompanying, marked A, B, C, D, E, and the residue is stated herewith. Table A, under the head of "suits continued," embraces all such suits as at present remain on the docket; it may be necessary here to remark that a number of those suits at the courts to which they were instituted, were returned *N. E.* consequently are noticed in the table, only, as continuing at the regular trial terms; the same table under the head of "suits dismissed," embraces all suits which have come to a final end. Table C, shewing the cases tried, convicted and acquitted on the prosecution dockets, allude only to such as have been tried by jury.

To so much of your order as relates to "the number of suits now under continuance on the docket," the number of trials which took place within the first of the three last years "the number of suits now on the equity docket," and hours fixed on for the setting of the courts. I beg leave to make the following report; the number of suits that are at present under continuance on the docket, exclusive of those on the law and reference dockets are 332 the courts to which they were instituted are as follows, to wit:

1 to May court 1814. 1 to May court 1816. 4 to October court 1816. 1 to October court 1817
2 to May court 1818. 1 to October court 1818. 2 to October court 1819. 4 to May court 1820.
4 to October court 1820. 18 to May court 1821. 6 to October court 1821. 103 to May court
1822. 185 to October court 1822.

The number of suits now under continuance on the law and reference dockets are 55. The courts to which they were brought are as follow, to wit:

1 to October court 1794. 1 to September court 1796. 3 to October court 1797. 1 to Sept.
court 1798. 1 to October court 1799. 6 to Sept. court 1805. 2 to May court 1810. 1 to Oct.
court 1810. 1 to May court 1814. 2 to May court 1815. 1 to May court 1816. 5 to October
court 1816. 5 to May court 1818. 2 to May court 1819. 6 to October court 1819. 2 to May
court 1820. 2 to October court 1820. 2 to May court 1821. 6 to May court 1822. 1 to Oct.
court 1821. 4 to October court 1822.

The number of trials which took place within the first of the three last years, are 6. The courts to which they were brought are as follow, to wit:

1 to May court 1818. 2 to October court 1818. 3 to May court 1819.

The number of suits now under continuance on the equity docket, are 17. The courts to which they were brought, are as follow, to wit:

5 to August court 1816. 1 to May court 1818. 3 to October court 1820. 1 to May court 1820.
3 to October court 1821. 4 to May court 1822.

The hours fixed for the sitting of the court, are from 9 o'clock in the morning, until 3 o'clock in the evening:

I can give no information as to the time which the court is occupied in any particular business. Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. MORSELL, Clerk of Calvert county court.

TABLE A.

EXHIBITING the number of suits brought to each term for the last three years, the number tried, the number continued, the number dismissed.

| | 1820 | | 1821 | | 1822 | | from Oct. term 31st Dec |
|--|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------------------------|
| | May term | Oct. term | May term | Oct. term | May term | Oct. term | |
| The number of suits tried at their regular trial terms, | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| The number of suits continued, | 31 | 41 | 37 | 44 | 121 | 124 | |
| The number of suits dismissed, | 64 | 80 | 81 | 53 | 39 | 44 | |
| The number of suits brought to each term for the last three years, commencing 1st January 1819, and ending 31st December 1822. | 96 | 122 | 120 | 97 | 160 | 168 | 28 |
| TABLE B. | | | | | | | |
| EXHIBITING the number of causes on the equity side of the court, &c. to each term, in the above three years. | | | | | | | |
| The number of suits brought to each term for the last 3 years, | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | |
| The number of said suits tried, | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | | |
| The number of said suits continued, | | | | | | | |
| The number of said suits dismissed, | | | | | | | |
| TABLE C. | | | | | | | |
| EXHIBITING the number of presentments found, &c. to each term in the above three years. | | | | | | | |
| The number of presentments found to each term for the last 3 years, | 10 | 8 | 2 | 12 | 16 | 8 | |
| The number tried by jury, | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | |
| The number of convictions, | 1 | 1 | | | 1 | 1 | |
| The number of acquittals, | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | |