

BEL-AIR, DECEMBER 27, 1822.

To the General Assembly of Maryland,—In compliance with an order passed by the house of delegates of Maryland, on the 10th December 1822, the following report is respectfully submitted: 228 suits were brought to March term 1820; of which 57 were disposed of by judgments, &c. at the appearance term, and 171 were continued to August term 1820, and from August term 1820, to March term 1821; when 6 were disposed of by jury trials, 132 were disposed of by judgments &c. and 35 were continued to August term 1821, when 9 were disposed of by judgments &c. and 24 were continued to March term 1822; when 17 were disposed of by judgments &c. and 7 were continued to August term 1822; when 5 were disposed of by judgments &c. and 2 were continued to March term 1823. 199 suits were brought to August term 1820; of which 53 were disposed of by judgments &c. at the appearance court, and 146 were continued to March term 1821; when one was disposed of by judgment and one hundred and forty-five were continued to August term eighteen hundred and twenty one; when one was disposed of by jury trial, and one hundred and ten disposed of by judgments, &c. and thirty-four were continued to March term eighteen hundred and twenty-two; when thirteen were disposed of by judgments &c. and 6 were continued to March term eighteen hundred and twenty-three. One hundred and twenty four suits were brought to March term eighteen hundred and twenty-one, of which forty-five were disposed of at the appearance court, and ninety-seven were continued to August term, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, when three were disposed of by judgments &c. and seventy-six were continued to March term eighteen hundred and twenty-two, when one was disposed of by jury trial, and 38 were disposed of by judgments &c. and seventeen were continued to August term eighteen hundred and twenty two; when twelve were disposed of by judgments &c. and 5 were continued to March term eighteen hundred and twenty-three. Three hundred and thirteen suits were brought to August term eighteen hundred and twenty one, of which one hundred were disposed of at the appearance term, and two hundred and thirteen were continued to March term eighteen hundred and twenty two; when sixteen were disposed of by judgments &c. and one hundred and ninety-seven were continued to August term eighteen hundred and twenty two; when 5 were disposed of by jury trials and one hundred and seventy four were disposed of by judgments &c. and 18 were continued to March term 1823. 270 suits were brought to March term 1822, of which 69 were disposed of at the appearance term, and two hundred and one were continued to August term, eighteen hundred and twenty two; when 10 were disposed of by judgments &c. and one hundred and ninety one were continued to March term eighteen hundred and twenty three. Two hundred and seventy nine suits were brought to August term eighteen hundred and twenty two, of which seventy eight were disposed of at the appearance term, and two hundred and one were continued to March term eighteen hundred and twenty three. On the continuance docket, to March term eighteen hundred and twenty-three, there are 85 suits; 3 of which were instituted to March term 1817; 4 to March term 1818; 23 to March term eighteen hundred and nineteen, twenty of which have been continued from March term eighteen hundred and twenty, under an agreement to abide the event of a suit removed from Harford county court to the court of appeals, which suit has not yet been determined; 9 to August term eighteen hundred and nineteen; 3 to to March term eighteen hundred and twenty; fourteen to August term eighteen hundred and twenty; 9 to March term eighteen hundred and twenty one; and twenty to August term eighteen hundred and twenty one. At March term eighteen hundred and twenty, there were twelve jury trials, one of which suits was brought to August term eighteen hundred and seventeen, and eleven to March term eighteen hundred and nineteen. At August term eighteen hundred and twenty, there were six cases tried by jury, five of which were brought to August term eighteen hundred and nineteen. On the law docket there are 4 suits, one of which was brought to August term eighteen hundred and nine, and transferred to the law docket at August term eighteen hundred and twelve; two were brought to March term eighteen hundred and nineteen and transferred to the law docket at August term, eighteen hundred and twenty one, and one appeal from the orphans court to March term eighteen hundred and sixteen. There are now 73 suits on the equity docket one of which was instituted in July 1810; one in 1812; one in 1815; two in 1816; 8 in 1817; 9 in 1818; 9 in 1819; 10 in 1820; 9 in 1821; twenty five in 1822. And within the last three years, 32 suits have been disposed of by decrees &c. On the reference docket there are 107 suits, one brought in 1805; one in 1806; one in 1807; 1 in 1809; 4 in 1811; 5 in 1812; 1 in 1813; 13 in 1814; 1 in 1815; 5 in 1816; 5 in 1817; 14 in 1818; 30 in 1819; 16 in 1820; 7 in 1821; 2 in 1822. Total 107. And within the last 3 years, there have been fifty one suits on the reference docket disposed of by judgments, &c. There were in eighteen hundred and twenty, 20; in eighteen hundred and twenty one, 22; in eighteen hundred and twenty two, 23 appeals from the judgments of magistrates. Saturday, in each week of the term is assigned for the trial of appeals &c. In eighteen hundred and twenty there were 36 presentments; fifteen trials; fourteen convictions, and one acquittal. In eighteen hundred and twenty one there were 45 presentments 50 trials, 25 convictions and 31 acquittals:— In eighteen hundred and twenty two, there were 57 presentments, 50 trials, 25 convictions and 25 acquittals. In eighteen hundred and twenty two; in eighteen hundred and twenty one, eight; eighteen hundred and twenty two, there were four sent to the court of appeals; none of which have been returned upon procedendo. Of the criminal causes which were removed, from Baltimore city court to Harford county for trial, and tried at March term eighteen hundred and twenty-one, eight were carried up to the court of appeals, on writs of error; the judgments of Harford county court were reversed, and the cases returned on writs of procedendo, to March term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two. It is not possible for me to ascertain what proportion of the terms have been de-