

voted to the trial of criminal causes, as no particular portion of the terms has been assigned by the court for the trial of criminal business; but it is the practice of the court, in all cases, to give precedence to the trial of criminal causes. The usual hours of the court's sitting is from 9 o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock P. M.

HENRY DORSEY, Clk. Harford County Court.

BALTIMORE, December 31, 1822.

To the Honorable William H. Marriott, Speaker of the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland.

SIR—In obedience to an order of the select committee upon the administration of justice, bearing date on the 10th day of December instant, the clerk of Baltimore City Court, respectfully submits to the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, the following statement and report, shewing the number of presentments and indictments which have been made in said court, within the last three years, ending on the 31st day of this present December, the number of the same which have been tried, the number which have been dismissed without trial, the number that are at present continued, the number of terms held in each year, what adjournments have occurred in any of the terms, and the usual hours of meeting and adjournment of the said court. With sentiments of respect, I remain your obedient servant, TH. HARWOOD.

BALTIMORE CITY COURT, November Term, 1819.

At the above term, the court met on the first Monday of said month, (the 1st day) and continued in session from day to day until the 10th day of the same month, on which last mentioned day the court met, and adjourned until the 15th day of the same month, on which last mentioned day, the court met and adjourned until the 17th day of the same month, on which last mentioned day the court met, and adjourned until the 27th day of Dec. then next, on which last mentioned day, the court met, and adjourned until the 28th of the same month, on which last mentioned day, the court met and adjourned until the 17th day of January 1820, then next on which said last mentioned day, the court met and Thomas Kell Esquire, the State of Maryland's district assistant attorney for the said court, appeared produced his commission, and was duly qualified in open court, and the court proceeded on the same day in the trial of the causes &c. and continued in session from day to day, until the business of the said term was finished and disposed of. Whole number of presentments and indictments made at this term, one hundred and fifty two; whole number of trials eighty-seven; whole number dismissed, stet and abated without trial, eight; hour of the meeting of the court at this term, 10 o'clock. Note—The adjournments of the court herein before mentioned at this term, that is to say, until the 17th day of January 1820, were made in consequence of the absence (from severe indisposition) of Luther Martin Esquire, Attorney General of the State of Maryland, and District Attorney for Baltimore City Court.

February Term 1820.—At the above term, the court met on the second Monday of said month, (the 14th day) and continued in session from day to day, until the business of the said term was finished and disposed of. Whole number of presentments and indictments made at this term, twenty-seven; whole number of trials, thirty-three; whole number dismissed, stet and abated without trial, two; hour of meeting of court at this term, 10 o'clock.

June Term 1820.—At this term the court met on the first Monday of said month, (the 5th day) and continued in session from day to day, until the business of the said term was finished and disposed of. Whole number of presentments and indictments made at this term, one hundred and sixty-five; whole number of trials, one hundred and twenty; whole number dismissed, stet and abated without trial, nineteen; hour of meeting of the court at this term, 9 o'clock.

November Term 1820.—At this term the court met on the first Monday of said month, (the 6th day) and continued in session from day to day, until the business of the said term was finished and disposed of. Whole number of Presentments and indictments made at this term, two hundred and sixteen; whole number of trials, one hundred and eighty; whole number dismissed, stet and abated without trial, twenty-four; hour of meeting of the court at this term 10 o'clock.

February Term 1821.—At this term the court met on the second Monday of said month (the 12th day) and continued in session from day to day, until the business of the said term was finished and disposed of. Whole number of presentments and indictments made at this term, one hundred and forty-six; whole number of trials, one hundred and thirty-three; whole number dismissed, stet and abated without trial, twelve; hours of meeting of the court at this term, 9 and 10 o'clock.

June Term 1821.—At this term the court met on the first Monday of said month, (the 4th day) and continued in session from day to day, until the business of the said term was finished and disposed of. Whole number of trials, 135; whole number of presentments and indictments made at this term, one hundred and seventy-eight; whole number dismissed, stet and abated without trial, two; hours of meeting of the court, at this term 9 and 10 o'clock.

November Term 1821.—At this term the court met on the first Monday of said month (the 5th day) and continued in session from day to day, until the business of term was finished and disposed of. Whole number of Presentments and indictments made at this term, two hundred and forty-one; whole number of trials, one hundred and sixty-three; whole number dismissed, stet and abated without trial, twenty-seven; hour of meeting of this term 10 o'clock.

February Term 1822.—At this term the court met on the second Monday of said month, (the 11th day) and adjourned until the 18th day of the same month, on which said last mentioned day, the court met and adjourned until the 19th day of the same month, on which last mentioned day, the court met and adjourned until the 20th day of the same month, on which last