

same at October term, eighteen hundred and twenty, continued generally, thirty-five; continued under decree, eleven; final decree, two; total forty-eight. Number of causes of Chancery docket, to May term, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, bills of complaint, forty; bills on the equity side of court, eight; petitions, one; total forty-nine. Disposition of the same at May term, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, continued generally, thirty-five; continued under decree, ten; final decree, four; total forty-nine. Number of causes on the Chancery docket, to October term, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, bills of complaint, forty-five; bills on the equity side of court, six; petitions one; total fifty-two. Disposition of the same at October term, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, continued generally, thirty-nine; continued under decree, twelve; final decree, one; total fifty-two. Number of causes on the Chancery docket, to May term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, bills of complaint, forty-nine; bills on the equity side of court, eight; petitions one; total 58. Disposition of the same at May term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, continued generally, forty; continued under decree, twelve; final decree six; total fifty-eight. Number of causes on the Chancery docket to October term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, bills of complaint, forty-five; bills on the equity side of court six; petitions one; total fifty-two. Disposition of the same at October term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, continued generally thirty-seven; continued under decree ten; final decree five; total fifty-two. At May term, eighteen hundred and twenty, twelve criminal causes were tried by jury, the presentments found as follows, to wit, eighteen hundred and eighteen, two; eighteen hundred and nineteen two; eighteen hundred twenty, eight; total twelve. At October term, eighteen hundred and twenty, four criminal causes were tried by jury, the presentments found in eighteen hundred and twenty. Three hundred and ninety-five presentments have been made within the last three years, and have been disposed of as follows, viz: forty tried by jury; one hundred and three tried by court; eighty-one dismissed; one hundred submitted; one removed to Kent county; two discontinued noli prosequi and sixty-eight continued to May term, eighteen hundred and twenty-three. Of the number tried, seventy-eight acquitted and sixty-five convicted. What portion of each term has been appropriated to the trial of criminal cases, I am unable to say. The following exhibits the number of appeals entered from the judgments of magistrates, eighteen hundred and twenty, thirteen; eighteen hundred and twenty-one, four, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, eight, total twenty-five. No information can be given with respect to the portion of each term devoted to hearing of appeals. The following shows the number of causes sent up to the court of appeals of the Eastern Shore, within the last three years, eighteen hundred and twenty, nine; eighteen hundred and twenty-one, thirty-seven; eighteen hundred and twenty-two, twenty; total sixty-six. Of the above cases, five have been returned on procedendo; the clerk of the court of appeals only, can furnish the information as to the number affirmed. Queen Ann's county court, at May term, eighteen hundred and twenty, commenced its session on Monday the first, and continued by adjournments from day to day, (sundays excepted) until the thirteenth of the same month, then adjourned to Friday the twenty-sixth; sat again on thirty-first of same month, and continued by adjournments until third of June, and then adjourned until the court in course. October term, eighteen hundred and twenty, commenced on Monday the sixteenth day of the same month, and continued by adjournment from day to day, (sundays excepted) until twenty-eighth of same month and then adjourned to Friday third November; sat again on Saturday twenty-fifth and Tuesday twenty-eighth of same month, and then adjourned until the court in course. May term eighteen hundred and twenty-one, commenced on Monday the 7th, and continued by adjournments from day to day, (sundays excepted) until nineteenth of same month and then adjourned to Friday first of June; sat again on the second and eleventh, and continued by adjournment to the 13th of same month, then adjourned to Monday, 16th July, & continued by adjournment until 21st of same month, and adjourned until the court in course. Oct. term, 1821, commenced on Monday the fifteenth of October and continued by adjournment from day to day, (sundays excepted) until the twenty-ninth of same month, and then adjourned to Wednesday thirty-first of same month, and adjourned until court in course. May term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, commenced on Monday sixth, and continued by adjournment from day to day, (sundays excepted) until seventeenth of same month; sat again on the thirty-first, and adjourned to Tuesday, eleventh of June; sat again on Monday, first of July, and then adjourned until the court in course. October term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, commenced on Monday, the twenty-first of same month, and continued by adjournment from day to day, (sundays excepted) until second November, and adjourned to Tuesday, twenty-sixth of same month; sat again on Monday, ninth of December, and adjourned to Monday, sixth of January, eighteen hundred and twenty-three. At the spring terms, the court sits at nine o'clock, and adjourns generally at three; at fall terms, it sits at half past nine, and adjourns generally at three; but often afternoon sessions.

THOMAS MURPHY, Clk. Queen Anne's County Court.

ANNE-ARUNDEL COUNTY, ANNAPOLIS,

To the honourable John P. Kennedy, Esq. chairman
of the select committee upon the administration of justice.

The undersigned clerk of Anne-Arundel county, in pursuance of the order relative to the number of suits upon his dockets, the times when instituted, &c. begs leave to submit the following statement as the result of his investigations.

On the docket of April term eighteen hundred and twenty, there were 97 references, five equity cases, twenty one appeals from justices of the peace, eight of which were to that term, two hundred and ninety three trials, one hundred and seven imparlances, forty eight amercia-