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assigned for the hearing of appeals from justices of the peace, and that no particular period of the term is assigned for the trial of criminal cases, but the same are taken up whenever ready for trial or submission to the exclusion of all business. That there has been no case returned from the court of appeals under procedendo, during the period limited by your enquiry, and that it is not in his power to state how many of the cases removed to the court of appeals, have been affirmed.

That as the several adjourned courts, have been principally for the accommodation of the sheriff, in the settlement of the judicial docket, it is not deemed necessary to state them.

That the usual hours for the setting of the court, are from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 3 o'clock, P. M. All which is respectfully submitted,

WM. S. GREEN, Clk. A. A. county court.

SOMERSET COUNTY, December 27, 1822.

A Report of the number of cases now on the dockets of the clerk of Somerset county, beginning at May term, 1820, and ending at November term, 1822, in compliance with an order of the house of delegates of Maryland, passed 10th December, 1822, viz.

	Civil appearance dockett.	Judicial dockett.	Trial dockett.	Continuances on trial dockett.	Trials and Judgments.	Chancery appearances and continuances.	Amerciaments.	Imprances.	Criminal appearances.	Criminal continuances.	Convictions.	Acquittals & Dismissals.	Appeals from Magistrates Judgments.	Appeals to the Court of Appeals.	Cases referred.	Presentments.
May Term, 1820	317	399	457	99	345	35	72	368	53	16	47	18	35	6	13	36
Nov. Term, 1820	298	531	522	154	365	37	56	177	36	7	20	9	29	14	4	46
May Term, 1821	350	702	384	126	243	44	55	170	50	10	35	17	31	9	13	42
Nov. Term, 1821	329	673	340	127	190	48	73	187	38	15	26	16	27	10	3	52
May Term, 1822	326	724	376	118	242	60	101	169	50	13	61	21	20	2	14	94
Nov. Term, 1822	312	763	348	117	223	64	100	184	58	15	34	13	23	3	5	21

From the above statement will be seen the number of cases upon the dockets belonging to Somerset county court for the years 1820, 1821 and 1822. As I have but within the few last days been appointed the clerk of Somerset county court, and there being a very considerable press of business in the office in consequence of the indisposition of my predecessor, I find it impracticable to report the different terms at which the cases now continued were commenced. The number of causes which stand continued from the above statement are continued for different reasons, some under attachments for witness, affidavit, by consent of the parties, and others to await a decision in the court of appeals of cases to which they are associated. The first Saturday in each term of Somerset county court is set apart for hearing appeals from magistrates judgments, the final discharge of insolvent petitioners, and the trial of petitions for freedom. The judges of Somerset county court, set from 9 o'clock in the morning until three o'clock in the evening.

The number of causes which appears from the above statements, on the judicial docket is increased probably one half by the late act of assembly for staying executions; where such cases have been superceded the plaintiffs have issued executions on the different instalments as they became due. All of which is very respectfully submitted. GEORGE HANDY, Clk.

DORCHESTER COUNTY, December 17, 1822.

Agreeably to the order of the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, made on the tenth instant. I transmit for their information the situation of the business in Dorchester county court, for three years last past, to wit:

	No. Suits.	Trials.	When commenced.	Continuances.	Dismissed.	Continued at present.	References.	Equity causes.	When commenced.	No. Presentments.	Trials.	Convictions.	Acquittals.	Appeals from Magistrates.	Day for appeals.	Court of Appeals.	Affirmed.	Sitting of Court.
April 1820	198	4	1819	205			30			31	9	4	5	7				
Oct. 1820	221	2	1819	189			30			24	12	7	5	11				
April 1821	181	8	1820	180			30			50	16	9	7	21				
Oct. 1821	177	10	1820	182	2		37			52	10	6	4	14				
April 1822	176	8	1821	162	2		40			42	12	8	4	16				
Oct. 1822	194	1	1818	159		273	41	68	1st in 1820.	38	14	9	5	12	1st Wednesday.	1	do.	From 9 to 3 o'clock.

E. RICHARDSON, Clk.