

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, JANUARY 3d, 1822.

In answer to the circular letter from John Brewer, Esq. clerk of the house of delegates of Maryland, the clerk of Prince-George's county court, has the honor to report to that honorable body as follows, to wit: That at April term eighteen hundred and twenty, the first court in said county within 3 years mentioned in said circular, there were two hundred and eighty suits brought; that at September term, the second court, there were two hundred and thirty-nine suits brought; that at April term eighteen hundred and twenty one, the third court there were two hundred and sixty-five suits brought; that at September term eighteen hundred and twenty one, the fourth term, there were two hundred and eighty-seven suits brought; that at April term eighteen hundred and twenty two, the 5th court there were 365 suits brought; that at September term eighteen hundred and twenty two, there were three hundred and twenty-eight suits brought; that within the first of the three years, there were sixteen trials of suits instituted at the following periods; to wit: in eighteen hundred and seventeen, two; in eighteen hundred and eighteen 8; in eighteen hundred and nineteen 6; that in the said first of the three years there were fifty nine dismissals of suits; which suits originated at the periods hereafter mentioned to wit: one in eighteen hundred and sixteen; one in eighteen hundred and seventeen; 12 in eighteen hundred and eighteen; forty three in 1819. That also in the 1st of the 3 years as above specified, there were 163 confessions of judgments; that the suits on which these judgments were confessed, originated as follows: In 1816 1; in 1817, 5; in 1818, 32; in 1819, 125; whereby it appears that 96 of the 163 judgments by confession were rendered at the regular trial terms; that 5 of the 16 trials were at the regular trial terms, and that 39 of the 59 dismissals were at the regular trial terms; that of the suits brought to April term 1820, 108 were disposed of at April term 1821, the regular trial term, and 149 continued; that of the suits brought to September term 1820 there were 87 cases disposed of at September term eighteen hundred and twenty one, the regular trial term and 82 continued; that of the suits brought to April term 1821, there were 143 disposed of at the regular trial term, and 88 continued, that of the suits brought to September term eighteen hundred and twenty one, there were 135 cases decided, at the regular trial term, and 93 continued, beside 185 continuances of suits brought before September term eighteen hundred and twenty-one, making 278 cases continued over to the next term; that there has been but thirteen cases disposed of on the reference docket for the last 3 years, leaving 90 cases now open on that docket; that there has been 12 cases disposed of on the equity docket within the last 3 years, and there now remains, open 111; and as to criminal prosecutions, the clerk reports as follows: That in 1820 there were 66 presentments; 11 fined; 8 discharged; in 1821, 57 presentments; 12 fined and 8 discharged; in 1822, 65 presentments; 5 found guilty, and 3 acquitted; which together with the cases laying over on the last criminal appearance docket where the parties were not taken, makes the criminal appearance docket to April term 1823, about 100, and that about one day and an half has generally been taken up in each term by the criminal business; that at April term 1820, 3; three appeals from the judgments of magistrates were entered, at September term 1820, seven; at April term 1821, ten; at September term, eighteen hundred and twenty one, two; at April term 1822, ten; and at September term, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, fourteen; and that one day has been appointed by the court at each term for hearing such cases, though the clerk thinks the appeal docket has not been regularly taken up for the last three terms. There has not been ten cases sent to the court of appeals in which exceptions were taken to the opinion of the court below, within the 3 last years, and that neither of which cases has been returned on procedendo; and for the affirmances of judgments on appeals from this court, the clerk would refer the house of delegates to the clerk of the court of appeals as they are under his observation, and not the clerk of the county court. That 9 o'clock A. M. is the hour fixed on for the meeting, and 3 P. M. for the adjournment of the court.

The clerk of Prince George's county after assuring the house of delegates of the correctness of the foregoing statement, takes the liberty to inform their honors composing the house, that the reason he has so long delayed his return of the attendance of the judges of the county court of which he is clerk, is, that the September term is not yet closed.

AQUILA BEALL, Clk. Prince George's County.
TALBOT COUNTY, December 31, 1822.

Agreeably to the order of the select committee appointed to examine into the administration of justice, &c. the following is the report from the clerk of Talbot county court, to wit:

Number of writs, including removals, in 1820, 502 writs, 56 removals; in 1821, 543 writs; 52 removals; in 1822, 576 writs 59 removals. Total 1621. No. of trials at the regular trial terms in 1820, 5; in 1821, 2; in 1822, 4. Total 11. Number of suits continued, in 1820, 447; in 1821, 484; in 1822, 480. Total 1411. Number of suits dismissed. In 1820, 31; in 1821, 63; in 1822, 37. Total 131. Suits under continuance and when commenced, 1 in 1813; 3 in 1814; 2 in 1815; 1 in 1817; 1 in 1818; 7 in 1819; 20 in 1820; 37 in 1821; 346 in 1822. Total 418. No. of Suits on the reference docket and when commenced, 1 writ in 1802; 1 in 1803; 2 in 1804; 1 in 1805; 3 in 1807; 5 in 1808; 2 in 1809; 7 in 1810; 1 in 1811; 7 in 1813; 2 in 1814; 4 in 1815; 12 in 1816; 7 in 1817; 23 in 1818; 7 in 1819; 11 in 1820; 9 in 1821; 1 in 1822. Total in 107. Cases now on the equity docket—1 in 1815; 3 in 1816; 4 in 1817; 5 in 1818; 4 in 1819; 6 in 1820; 8 in 1821; 9 in 1822. Total 40. Presentments for the 3 past years 253. Convictions in the three last years—7 jury trials in 1820; and 34 traverses and submissions; 6 jury trials in 1821, and 38 traverses and submissions; 10 jury trials in 1822, and 47 traverses and submissions; Making 23 Convictions by jury & 119 traverses. Acquittals in the three years—2 jury trials at 1820, and 19 traverses; 4 jury trials at 1821, 22, traverses; 3 jury trials at 1822, 23 traverses; making 9 acquittals by jury, and 64 traverses. No. suits on the present docket and when commenced—1 at 1813; 3 at 1814; 2 at 1815;