

mencement of the court, and have the preference by a rule of court, to any civil business, whenever the district attorney is prepared with a case. Appeals from the judgments of Magistrates, March term eighteen hundred and twenty, 6; November term eighteen hundred and twenty, 10; March eighteen hundred and twenty-one 5; November eighteen hundred and twenty-one, one; March eighteen hundred and twenty-two 8; November eighteen hundred and twenty-two, twelve. One day in each term, has been usually devoted to hearing appeals from the judgments of Magistrates. The clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore, can furnish a list of "the number of causes sent up from each term, within the above period, how many have been returned upon procedendo, and how many judgments in such cases have been affirmed." The returns from the clerks of the attendance of the judges, will shew the continuance of each term. There have been no adjournments for the trial of causes, during the above period. From nine o'clock A. M. until three o'clock P. M. have been the hours of the day, fixed for the sitting of the court; in some instances the court have set from 9 until 6 and 7 o'clock.

CECIL COUNTY, ELKTON, January 1, 1823.

SIR—In compliance with your letter of the 10th ultimo, requiring certain information relative to the administration of justice, under a resolution of the house of delegates, I have the honor to make the following report: The number of actions on the docket in Cecil county, to April term 1820. Trials 249; how disposed of. Jury trials twenty four. 3 brought in 1817; 7 in 1818; 14 in 1819; Judgments 167; continued 35; settled or otherwise disposed of 23. Imparlanes 226; settled 3, judgments 2; continued 221. References 39; judgments 7; settled 8; continued 24. Bills in equity 28; dism'd 1; cont'd 27. Appeals from the judgments of magistrates 15; tried or otherwise disposed of 11; continued 4. Petitions 41; dismissed 26; continued 15. Appearances from 1st Jan. 1820, to April 8th, 210. Presentments 93; of which 23 were found at the present term. Jury trials 5; of which three were convicted and two acquitted. 37 tried before the court, of which 23 were acquitted and 14 convicted; continued 51. Appeals to the court of appeals 2. Total number 901. The number of actions on the docket to September term 1820, trials 230; how disposed of. Jury trials seventeen; one of which was brought in eighteen hundred and eighteen, and sixteen in 1819; judgments 154; continued 47; settled and otherwise disposed of 12. Imparlanes 176; judgments 1, settled 1; cont'd 174. References 23; judg'ts 2; continued 21. Bills in equity 38, continued. Appeals from the judgments of magistrates 11; judgments 1; continued 10. Petitions 24; dismissed 7; continued 17. Appearances 239. Presentments 76; of which twenty four were found at the present term. Jury trials none; trials before the court 16; thirteen of which were acquitted and 3 convicted; continued 60. Appeals to the court of appeals 3. Total number 817. April term 1821. Trials two hundred and twenty one. Jury trials twenty two; of which 2 were brought in 1816; 1 in 1818; 8 in 1819; 11 in 1820; Judgments 138; continued 54; settled and otherwise disposed of 7. Imparlanes 171; settled 6; continued 165. References 22, continued. Bills in equity 46; dismissed 9; continued 37. Appeals from the judgments of magistrates 19; judgments 9; continued 10. Petitions 27; dismissed 6; continued 21. Appearances 287. Presentments 70; of which 8 were found at the present term. Jury trials two; 1 acquitted and one convicted. Trials before the court 23. Of which 14 were convicted and 9 acquitted; continued 45. Appeals to court of appeals 3. Total number 863. September term 1821. Trials 172; Jury trials 11, one brought in 1818; 3 in 1819; 7 in 1820; judgments 87; continued 53; settled and otherwise disposed of 21. Imparlanes 147; settled 4; continued 143. References 24; judgments 2; continued 22. Bills in equity 45; dismissed 9; continued 36. Appeals from the judgments of magistrates 15; judgments 6; continued 9. Petitions 33, continued. Appearances 228. Presentments 58; of which twenty were brought to the present term. Jury trials two, convicted both. Trials before the court 7. 4 acquitted and 3 convicted, continued 49. Appeals to court of appeals 1. Total 722. April term 1822. Trials 198; how disposed of. Jury trials 15; 8 of which were brought in 1820; 7 in 1821; Judgments 94; continued 64; settled and otherwise disposed of 25. Imparlanes 110; judgments 1; settled 1; continued 108. References 30; judgments 3; settled 1; continued 26. Bills in equity 49; dismissed 6; continued 43. Appeals from the judgments of magistrates 17; judgments 3; continued 14. Petitions 40; dismissed 24; continued 16. Appearances 313. Presentments 63, of which 15 were brought to the present term. Jury trials and acquitted one; trials before the court, fifteen acquitted, 7 convicted; continued 42. Appeals to court of appeals 5. Total number 822. Sept term 1822, trials 171; jury trials 15, of which 2 were brought in 1819; two in 1820; 11 in 1821; judgments 61; continued 74; settled and otherwise disposed of 21. Imparlanes 204; settled 3; continued 201. References 29, continued. Bills in equity 46; dismissed 5; continued 41. Appeals from the judgments of magistrates 15; judgments 8; continued 7. Petitions 26; dismissed 8; continued 18. Appearances 234. Presentments 57; of which seventeen were found at the present term. Jury trials & convicted 2; trials before the court & convicted, 8; acquittals 6, cont'd 41. Appeals to court of appeals 5. Total No. 782. Suits from Septr. 1, 1822 to 1823, 71. The number of judgments affirmed in the court of appeals of the cases sent from this county, I have no knowledge, as no information is given to this court of their termination; one only has been returned upon procedendo. There are 74 cases on the last trial docket continued over until the next April term, one of which was bro't in eighteen hundred & sixteen; 4 in 1819 twenty in eighteen hundred and twenty; 49 in eighteen hundred and twenty one. There are also on the present reference docket and continued from the last term twenty nine cases; two of which were in eighteen hundred and thirteen; one in eighteen hundred and fifteen; one in eighteen hundred and sixteen; one in eighteen hundred and seventeen; thirteen in eighteen hundred and eighteen; two in eighteen hundred and nineteen; eight in eighteen hundred and twenty; one in eighteen hundred and twenty two. On the present equity docket there are 46 cases; one of which was bro't in April eighteen hundred & seventeen; 4 in eighteen hundred