

and eighteen; nine in eighteen hundred and nineteen; eight in eighteen hundred and twenty; thirteen in eighteen hundred and twenty one; eleven in eighteen hundred and twenty two. The court have not assigned any particular day or portion of their time for the hearing and determining appeals, or the trial of criminal cases; they are taken up whenever the parties are ready and the leisure of the court will permit. The regular hours appointed for the sitting of the court, are from nine to three o'clock; but they frequently meet before and seldom ever rise at the appointed time, continuing their session during the day, and often a part of the night. No meeting or adjournment of the court has taken place within the last three years, beyond the regular meeting of the terms. Respectfully yours, JAMES SEWALL. Clk.

CHARLES COUNTY.

State of Maryland, Charles County Sct. In obedience to the requisition of John Brewer, Esq. clerk of the House of Delegates of Maryland, I herewith transmit to the Honorable the House of Delegates of Maryland, the following report to wit: A statement showing the number of suits brought, tried, dismissed or continued in the county court of Charles county, during the three last years, ending on the thirty first day of December, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, including all cases upon the law, reference, equity, criminal and appeal dockets.

Years.	Terms.					EQUITY.				criminal prosecutions				APPEALS.				
		Number of suits brought to each term.	Number of cases tried at the regular trial term.	Number of cases dismissed.	Number of cases continued.	Number of cases brought.	Number of cases tried.	Number of cases dismissed.	Number of cases now on the docket	Number of presentments.	Number tried.	Number of convictions.	Number of acquittals.	To the high court of appeals.	Number returned on proce- dendo.	Number of judgments in such cases affirmed.	From judgments of magistrates	Part of the term set apart for hearing them.
1820	March	359	134	7	85	85	4		42				2					Second
	August	380	168	6	73	52			22	8	7	1	11					Monday
1821	March	280	73	2	98	52	2		22	12	9	3	23					of each
	August	374	123	10	107	66	1		21	24	18	6	18					term.
1822	March	448				19	1		24	23	14	15	13					
	August	328				41	2	105	32	22		1	11					

Of the trials 159 in number which took place at March term 1820, being one of the courts within the first of the three years above mentioned, the cases were originated as follows: To 1810 March term, 1; 1815, 7; 1816, March, 6; August, 2; 1817 March, 3; August, 3; 1818 March, 21; August, 51; 1819 March, 65. Of the trials 256 in number which took place at August term 1820, being the other courts within the first of the three years above mentioned, the cases were originated as follows: To 1816 March term, 2; 1817, March 2; August, 16; 1818 March, 30; 1819, March 49; August, 137. The number of cases at present on the equity docket, are 105 which, were brought as follows: To March term 1802, one; 1811, 2; March 1815, 1; 1816 March 1; August 9; 1817 March 4; August 4; 1818 March 3; Aug 7; 1819, March 13; Aug. 12; 1820 March 8; November, 5; 1821, March 5; August, 6; 1822, March 19; August, 4. The number of suits at present under continuance on the docket of this court, were instituted as follows: To 1815 August term, 9; 1816, 3; 1817 March, 4; 1818, March 3; 1819 March, 6; August, 18; 1820 March, 30; November, 23; 1821 March, 74; August, 107. In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name this 10th day of January eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

JOHN BARNES, Clk. of Charles county court.

SAINT MARY'S, LEONARD TOWN, December 20, 1822.

In compliance with the order of the House of Delegates of Maryland of the 10th of December 1822, the clerk of saint Mary's county, makes the following report: That there were brought to March term 1820, 221 suits, to August term 1820, 166 suits, to March term 1821, 285 suits, to August term 1821, 438 suits, to March term 1822, 336 suits, and to August term 1822, 366 suits renewals to each term are included. At March term 1821, the regular trial term of the suits brought to March term 1820, there were on the trial docket, 163 of said suits, which were disposed of as follows; 109 judgments, (7 of which on verdicts) 4 dismissed, 9 referred, and 41 continued. At August term eighteen hundred and twenty-one the regular trial term of the suits brought to August term eighteen hundred and twenty, there were on the trial docket 96 of said suits, which were disposed of as follow; 67 judgments 2 of which on verdicts) one dismissed and twenty eight continued. At March term 1822, the regular trial term of the suits brought to March term 1821, there were on the trial docket, 176 of said suits which were disposed as follow, 123 judgments, (of which 5 on verdicts) four dismissed, 8 referred and 41 continued. At Aug. term 1822, the regular trial term of the suits brought to Aug. term 1821, there were on the trial docket 323 of said suits which were disposed of as follow; 266 judgments including 3 verdicts) 4 dismissed, 17 referred and 36 continued. The causes brought on the equity docket within the above period were 52, of which there were 8 decrees, 1 of which originated at March term 1820, 1 at August term 1820, 1 at November term 1820, 1 at May term 1821, one at August term 1821, two at March term 1822, and one at August term 1822.