

There are now under continuance on the docket of August term 1822 as follow; on the trial docket 105 suits, on the reference docket 67 suits, on the law docket two suits, on the equity docket 61 suits, and on the appeal docket 4 suits. Of the continuances on the trial docket, one was instituted to March term 1813, one to August term 1815 one to August 1818, 3 to March term 1819, 2 to August term 1819, 7 to March term 1820, 11 to August term 1820, 23 to March term 1821, and 54 to August term 1821. One procedendo returned to August term 1822, and one suit docketed by consent at August term 1822. Of the continuances on the law docket one was instituted to August term 1816, and one to August term 1817. Of the continuances on the reference docket, two were instituted to August term 1801, one to August term 1809, one to March term 1810, one to August term 1810, 3 to August term 1811, 4 to August term 1812, one to March term 1813, one to March term 1815, 7, to Aug. term 1815, two to March term 1816, 3, to August term 1816, one to March term 1817, 6, to August term 1817, one to March term 1818, 1 to August term 1818, 8, to March term 1819, 5, to August term 1819, eleven, to March term 1820, 8, to March term 1821. Of the continuances on the equity docket, one was instituted to November term 1815, one, to May term 1816, one, to August term 1816, two, to March term 1817, one to August term 1817, 6, to March term 1818, 2 to August term 1818, two, to March term 1819, one, to November term 1819, four to March term 1820, one, to May term 1820, 4, to August term 1820, three, to March term 1821, 4, to May term 1821, 4, to August term 1821, 2, to November term 1821. 9, to March term 1822, one, to May term 1822, eight, to August term 1822, and four to November term 1822. Of the continuances on the appeal docket, one brought up to March term 1821, one to August term 1821, one to March term 1822, and one to August term 1822. At March term 1820 there were on the trial docket 65 judgments, (7 of which on verdicts) two were originated at August term 1816, two at August term 1817, one at March term 1818, 5 at August term eighteen hundred and eighteen, and 55 at March term eighteen hundred and nineteen. On the reference docket one judgment which was originated at August term eighteen hundred and eighteen. On the appeal docket two judgments which were brought up at August term eighteen hundred and nineteen. At August term 1820 there were on the trial docket 75 judgments (five of which on verdicts) 3 were originated at March term 1818, 3 at August term 1818, nine at March term 1819, 58 at August term 1819. On the reference docket, one judgment which was originated at 1817, on the equity docket one decree which originated at August term 1818, and on the appeal docket three judgments, two brought up to March term 1820 and one of August term 1820. At March term 1820 there were twelve presentments made, at August term 1820, 10 do. at March term 1821, 19 do. at August term 1821, fifteen do. at March term 1822, ten do. at August 1822, twenty do. At March term 1820, there were fourteen presentments tried, 8 convictions and 6 acquittals, at August term 1820 there were eleven presentments tried, 3 convictions and 8 acquittals, at March term 1821 there were 13 presentments tried, four conviction 9 acquittals, at August term 1821, there were 11 presentments tried, 8 convictions and 3 acquittals, at March term eighteen hundred twenty two, there were 20 presentments tried, 19 convictions and ten acquittals, at August term 1822, there were 11 presentments tried, 5 convictions & 6 acquittals; at March term 1820 there were entered 4 appeals from the judgments of Magistrates, at August term 1820, 3, ditto, at March term 1821, one do. at March term 1822; one do. at August eighteen hundred and twenty two one do. cause sent to the court of appeals to wit: 3 from March term 1820, 3 from August term eighteen hundred and twenty, nineteen from March term eighteen hundred and twenty-one, six from August term eighteen hundred and twenty-one, nine from March term eighteen hundred and twenty-two, 18 from Aug. term eighteen hundred and twenty-two. To August term eighteen hundred and twenty-two, 1 procedendo returned and continued and the only one. In this court no particular portion of the term has been appropriated to the trial of criminal cases, the court tho' generally give that description of business the preference when the state and the accused are ready; the first Friday in each term has been set apart to hear appeals from the judgments of Magistrates; within the above recited period, there have been two adjourned courts to days beyond the regular terms, where a juror had been retained, one at August term 1820 to the 3d Monday of November, the other at March term eighteen hundred and twenty-one to the 1st Monday of May. The hours fixed for the sitting of the court have been from nine o'clock A. M. to 3 o'clock M. P. Which is submitted.

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COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN SHORE, ANNAPOLIS December 20, 1822.

The clerk of the court of appeals for the western shore, in pursuance of an order from the select committee of the house of delegates upon the administration of justice, begs leave to report: That the number of appeals and writs of error standing on the docket of the said court at the commencement of December term 1819, was 139, and the number brought to that term 105, making in all 244, of which, 21, viz. 1 brought to December 1815, 1 to June 1817, 10 to December 1817, 8 to June 1818 and 1 to December 1818, were disposed of in the following manner, that is to say, 2 were entered agreed by the parties, 1 dismissed by the appellants council, 3 affirmed without argument, 1 brought for delay and affirmed nisi, and 14 decided on by the court.

That the number standing on the docket at the commencement of June term 1820, was 223, and the number brought to that term 83, making in all 306, of which 161, viz. 1 brought to December 1810, 1 to December 1813, 1 to May 1814, 1 to December 1815, 1 to June 1816, 4 to December 1817, 10 to June 1818, 9 to December 1818, 50 to June 1819, and 83 to December 1819, were disposed of in the following manner, that is to say, 1 entered agreed by the parties, 3 dismissed by the appellants council, 7 affirmed without argument, 124 brought for delay and affirmed nisi, and 26 decided by the court. That the number standing on the docket at the commencement of December term 1820, was 145, and the number brought to that term 33, making in all 178, and the whole were continued until the next term. That the number standing on the docket at the commencement of June term 1821, was 178, and the number brought