

house at Canton, in the Twelfth Election District, shall transact only criminal business at such station house, and no civil business whatever, except such affidavits and acknowledgments in civil matters as he may from time to time be required to take for the convenience of the public; and for any violation of this provision he shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury of Baltimore County, and, on conviction, shall be fined one hundred dollars and shall be disqualified from holding his office.

SEC. 204. *And be it enacted*, That the several Justices of the Peace for Baltimore County, including the station house Justices for said First, Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Election Districts, and the committing magistrate of the Ninth Election District, shall have jurisdiction concurrent with that exercised by the Circuit Court for said county in all cases of assault without any felonious intent; and in all cases of assault and battery, and in all misdemeanors not punishable by confinement in the penitentiary, which may be committed within said county, and shall have jurisdiction in all prosecutions or proceedings for the recovery of any penalty for doing or omitting to do any act, the doing of which or the omission to do which is made punishable under the laws of this State, within their said jurisdiction, by any pecuniary fine or penalty, or by imprisonment in jail or in the Maryland House of Correction; provided, however, that said Justices of the Peace shall in no case have jurisdiction to try any person on a charge of selling any sort of intoxicating liquors or beverages on Sunday, or to minors, or without license, or within any limit, precinct or district prohibited by law, all of which acts, or commissions are hereby declared to be criminal offenses, and the said Justices shall have power to issue all process and to do all acts which may be necessary to the exercise of their jurisdiction, and may try and determine all cases whereof they may have jurisdiction, and may pronounce judgment, sentence therein, in the same manner and to the same extent as the Circuit Court in said county could in such cases, if such cases were tried before it without the intervention of a jury; provided, however, that if any person brought before any Justice having jurisdiction of the case shall, before trial for the alleged offense, pray a jury trial on the part of the State, it shall be the duty of any Justice to commit such alleged offender for trial in the Circuit Court for said county at its then session, if it then be in session, or at its next session if it be not then in session, and to return said commitment or recognizance, with the names and residences of the witnesses for the prosecution indorsed thereon, forthwith to the clerk of the said Court; provided, the Justice before whom the case is for