

are now by law authorised to lease or let out, without setting such ground up at public auction, if in their judgment they shall think it expedient, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Dec. Ses. 1821.

CHAPTER 229.

*An act relating to Crimes and Punishments in the City of Baltimore.*

Passed Feb. 23, 1822. Preamble.

WHEREAS, Persons charged with assaults and batteries and other small offences against the peace, in the city of Baltimore, who are unable to give bail for their appearance at the stated term of the city court, often suffer a long imprisonment before a trial can be had in the ordinary course, which is both oppressive to the accused and expensive to the city; for remedy whereof,

Sec. 1 BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the justices of the peace in the city of Baltimore, whenever they shall commit any person or persons for trial on a charge of assault and battery, for keeping a disorderly house, for selling liquor without license, to endorse on said commitments the names and places of residence, of the witnesses who shall have appeared before them, on behalf of the prosecution; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff on receiving the same, to enter the names and places of residence of said witnesses on their docket, and on demand to give a copy thereof to the accused. Justices to endorse names &c. of witnesses.

2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any of the said persons committed to gail as aforesaid for want of bail for any of the offences aforesaid, shall think proper to waive his or her right to a trial by jury, and have his or her cause heard and determined in a summary way, he or she may, in the interval between the stated terms of the city court, make application in writing to the clerk of said court, for that purpose, who shall docket the same, and it shall be the duty of the judges of said court or any of them, to appoint an early day for hearing said case; and the same shall be proceeded on in the same manner and to the same legal effect, as if it had been submitted on presentment or indictment found by the grand jury; and the clerk and prosecutor shall be entitled to the same fees as in cases of presentment by the grand jury. Accused may waive trial by jury.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the sheriff of Baltimore county shall bring into court when he brings the accused, the original commitment or a copy thereof, and file the same with the clerk of said city court. Sheriff shall produce original commitment.

CHAPTER 230.

*An act relating to the paving of certain streets in the city of Baltimore.* Passed Feb 23, 1822.

BE IT ENACTED *By the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore, be and they are hereby authorised to pass such ordinances as they may deem most effectual to carry into operation the design of an ordinance passed by the said corporation and approved on the third day of December eighteen hundred and twenty-one, entitled, A further supplement to the ordinance entitled, An ordinance for preserving the health of the city. City council may pass ordinances.