

means of maintenance, from property or personal labour, and lives idle, without employment, and every person who wanders about and begs in the street, or from door to door, and every person who wanders abroad, and lodges in out-houses, barns, market-places, or the open air, and cannot give a good account of the means by which he procures a living, and every woman who is generally reputed a common prostitute, and every juggler, mountebank, fortune-teller, or common gambler, is hereby declared and adjudged a vagrant, vagabond, and disorderly person, within the meaning of this corporation act; provided, that these powers shall be subject to the future regulations of the general assembly: The recorder, and any two or more of the aldermen, may adjudge any person condemned in any of the states to labour as a punishment for any crime, who may be found within the county, to serve and labour as a criminal for any time not exceeding the residue of the term for which such person shall have been condemned, and which condemnation shall appear to the said recorder and aldermen by the record of conviction; but if such person shall be demanded by the state from whence he escaped, he shall be immediately delivered agreeably to such demand: Tavern-keepers, ordinary and retailer's licences, within the bounds of the corporation or city, and precincts, and pedler's licences, shall be granted by the said criminal court, and the money thence arising shall be paid in the manner that now is or that may hereafter be directed by acts of assembly: The recorder, and the two aldermen, judges of Baltimore county and city criminal court, or the recorder alone, or in his absence the said two aldermen, shall constitute a civil court, which shall be a court of record, to be called Baltimore City Civil Court; and the said court shall have concurrent powers and jurisdiction with the county court in all civil matters, things and causes, where the defendant resides within the city, or its precincts, or is a foreigner or nonresident of the state, subject to removals, appeals, and writs of error, and to the jurisdiction and superintendence of the superior courts of common law, and the court of chancery, in the same manner as the county courts now are or hereafter may be; and the common-council shall fix the times for holding the said court: The present county clerk of Baltimore county shall be the clerk of the said courts, and shall make all entries, and transact all their business, in the same manner as he is now by law obliged to transact the business of Baltimore county, or Baltimore criminal court; but after the death or removal of the said clerk, the said criminal and civil courts shall appoint their own clerks, and may remove them for misbehaviour in office, at their discretion: The fees of the said clerk, and other officers of the said courts, shall be the same as the fees established for the like officers in the county courts: The said courts shall have the appointment of constables, and all officers necessary and usual to the county courts; and any one of the said associates may hold and adjourn the said city civil court, direct attachment of contempt to issue against witnesses or jurors for non-attendance, order special bail to be taken, and for want thereof commit the defendant, and may direct judgment to be entered on confession or *non sum informatus*: The sheriff of Baltimore county shall be and is hereby directed to summon jurors from within the bounds of the corporation, and to do all other acts, matters and things, for the said court, and the aforesaid criminal court, and their officers, which he is by law obliged to perform for the county court, or their officers; and the common-council shall fix the allowance of jurors: And for the better trial of any intricate or important cause, the said civil court may issue, from time to time, process to compel the attendance of a special jury, under such regulations as may be prescribed by ordinance of the common-council; every person summoned as a witness or juror to attend either of the said courts, and making default, shall be fined by the court in its discretion, not exceeding thirty dollars; and on default of any witness or juror, the court may award process of attachment, and by virtue thereof the sheriff of Baltimore county shall be obliged to have the body of such witness or juror, and may compel his attendance; and it shall be lawful for the said courts to allow to every person legally summoned to give evidence before them sixty-five cents for every day's attendance, and if such witness resides out of the county, the court may allow him so many days itinerant charges as it shall think reasonable, at the rate of sixty-five cents per day, and the same shall be paid in the same manner as allowances to witnesses in such cases are or shall be by the laws of the state directed to