

People's Court of Prince George's County, shall have all the authority, powers, civil, criminal and juvenile jurisdiction (except the judges of the People's Court of Prince George's County shall not have juvenile jurisdiction), in the whole of said counties, heretofore vested in the justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates and other justices of the peace of said counties; provided the authority, powers and jurisdiction heretofore, or as may hereafter be vested in said other justices of the peace shall be unaffected by this provision.

In addition to the powers above enumerated, and not in derogation or limitation thereof, the judges of the People's Court shall have the following powers:

(a) To suspend or reduce sentence and/or costs in any case within their jurisdiction within ~~ten~~ *thirty* days ~~in Montgomery County and thirty days in Prince George's County~~ after judgment has been pronounced, provided, however, that the court shall not be authorized to reduce the fine for any criminal or traffic offense below the minimum fine prescribed by law for such offense, and provided further, that nothing herein shall be construed to affect the power of the court to suspend any such fine entirely and provided that the judges ~~of the People's Court of Prince George's County~~ shall have after the expiration of such period as to sentences imposed revisory power and control in the case of fraud, mistake or irregularity.

(b) To regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice ~~of~~ *in* said court, such rules to have the force of law until rescinded or modified by the said judges or the General Assembly, provided, however, that no formal pleadings shall be required in any case before the said court, and provided further, however, ~~the~~ *that* counterclaims and/or setoffs shall be permitted in all civil cases.

(c) To issue attachments and inflict summary punishments for direct contempts, committed in the presence of the Montgomery County People's Court or so near the said court as to interrupt its proceedings in the types of cases set forth in Section 4 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, provided that the procedure and record in such cases shall be as provided for direct contempts under Rule P3 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure, and provided further that the punishment for said contempts shall not exceed a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or ten (10) days in jail or close confinement. Any person may appeal to the Montgomery County Circuit Court within ten (10) days from any order or judgment purporting to be issued under the authority contained herein. Upon such appeal the Montgomery County Circuit Court shall consider and pass upon the law and the facts and shall issue such order as it may deem proper, including the reversal or modification of the order from which the appeal was taken. An appeal pursuant to this subsection shall stay the execution of sentence except where a person has been committed for a contempt, and then he shall have the right with respect to admission to bail pending appeal as an accused in a criminal proceeding.

(d) *The judges of the said People's Courts shall have the power, in addition to power otherwise enumerated in this section, to issue writs of subpoena duces tecum, habeas corpus ad prosequendum habeas corpus ad testificandum, and coram nobis.*