

§ 341. Stealing goods worth less than \$100.00.

(b) Prosecutions for violation of section.—All prosecutions for violations of the provisions of this section [may be either upon presentment and indictment] *shall be brought* in any court [having] of [criminal] *competent* jurisdiction in this State [, or by trial before any justice of the peace in and for the county where the offense occurs, and jurisdiction original and concurrent with the said courts having criminal jurisdiction is hereby given to the said justices of the peace, and they shall have power to issue all processes and do all acts which may be necessary for the exercise of said jurisdiction; and may try and determine all such cases and may pronounce judgment and impose sentence therein to the same extent as the aforesaid courts having criminal jurisdiction could do in such cases, if such cases were tried before such court without a jury; provided, however, that if any person when brought before any such justice having jurisdiction of the case, shall, before the trial for the alleged offense pray a jury trial, or if the State's attorney for the county where the offense occurs shall, before the trial for the alleged offense, pray a jury trial on behalf of the State, it shall be the duty of such justice to commit such alleged offender for trial, or to hold him to bail to appear for trial in the court having criminal jurisdiction in the case, at its then or next session, and to transmit said commitment or recognizance, with the names and residences of the witnesses for the prosecution endorsed thereon, forthwith to the clerk of such court; and the justice of the peace, before whom the accused is brought for trial, shall inform him seasonably of his right to demand a trial by jury].

§ 342. Breaking into building with intent to steal.

If any person shall break into any shop, storehouse, tobacco house, warehouse, or other building, although the same be not contiguous to or used with any mansion house with intent to steal any money, goods or chattels under the value of one hundred dollars, or if any person shall break into any shop, storehouse, tobacco house, warehouse, or other building, although the same be not contiguous to or used with any mansion house, and steals from thence any money, goods or chattels under the value of five dollars, he, his aiders, abettors and counsellors shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be tried before [the circuit court of the county wherein the offense may have been committed or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, if the offense be committed in the City of Baltimore] *any court of competent jurisdiction*, and being thereof convicted, shall restore the goods and chattels so stolen, or pay the full value thereof to the owner thereof, and be further sentenced to the penitentiary or house of correction, or to the jail of the county in which the offense may have been committed, or of the City of Baltimore, if the offense be committed in said city, in the discretion of the [circuit] court [of the county or the Criminal Court of Baltimore City, wherever the offense may have been committed,] for not more than eighteen months.

§ 355D. Same—Arrest.

If any person or the president, secretary, treasurer, or other officer of any corporation mentioned in § 355A of this subtitle, or his duly authorized agent who has personal knowledge of the facts, makes oath in writing before any [justice of the peace or police judge, or other magistrate] *court of competent jurisdiction*, that the party