

nizance for appearance, or matters relating to the residence or conduct of the convicts as may be deemed proper; and if the convict is a minor, the courts may also make such orders as to his detention in any care or custody as may be deemed proper. In Prince George's County, the courts [ , including the People's Court ] may also and they are hereby empowered to impose such sentences as may be provided by law with respect to the offense upon which an accused has been convicted and cause the convict to serve such sentence by attendance at the county jail where the sentence is to be performed between the hours of 6:00 p.m. Friday and 6:00 p.m. Sunday, each such period to constitute two days of the sentence imposed, provided however the offense leading to such conviction shall permit confinement in the county jail and the total sentence imposed by the judge shall not exceed thirty (30) days.

§ 641. Supplemental provisions as to suspension of sentence and probation by circuit courts and Criminal Court of Baltimore [City].

The circuit courts of the several counties in this State and the Criminal Court of Baltimore [City], before conviction of any person accused of crime with the written consent of the person so accused, including persons appealing from convictions before [trial magistrates or before the Municipal Court of Baltimore City] *the District Court*, whether a minor or an adult, and after conviction or after a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, without such consent, are empowered, during the term of court in which such consent, conviction or plea is had, to:

- (1) Suspend the imposition of sentence; or
- (2) Place such person on probation without finding a verdict; and
- (3) Make such conditions of suspension of sentence and probation ~~as~~ AS the court may deem proper.

§ 643. When penalty less than statutory minimum may be imposed.

In all cases where the law prescribing a punishment for crime fixes a maximum and a minimum penalty therefor, the judge of the Criminal Court of Baltimore and the several judges of the circuit courts of the counties *and of the District Court of Maryland* may, in lieu of the minimum penalty so prescribed, impose a less penalty of the same character; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as affecting any maximum penalty fixed by law, or the punishment for any crime where the law provides one and only one penalty.

§ 644. Road work by prisoners.

On the order in writing of the board of county commissioners of any county it shall be the duty of the sheriff or other officer having charge of such prisoners of that county to send, under a competent guard, such number of able-bodied male prisoners in the county jail undergoing punishment under sentence of a court [or justice of the peace], as the county may require, to work on any road in said county, or in any quarry, pit or yard, in preparing materials for use on the county roads; the county commissioners are hereby required to reim-