

disqualification of any Judge of other Circuit Courts of this State, to hear and determine the same, but in case of such disqualification, the parties thereto may, by consent, appoint a person to try the same; and the parties to any cause may submit the same to the Court for determination without the aid of a jury.

Trial without
Jury.

Removal of cases

2 Md 274.

5 Md 370

6 Md 440

1852, ch 169

do 315

1854, ch 325

SEC. 9. The Judge or Judges of any Court of this State, except the Court of Appeals, shall order and direct the record of proceedings in any suit or action, issue or petition, presentment or indictment pending in such Court, to be transmitted to some other Court in the same or any adjoining Circuit having jurisdiction in such cases, whenever any party to such cause, or the counsel of any party shall make it satisfactorily appear to the Court that such party cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the Court in which such suit or action, issue or petition, presentment or indictment is pending; and the General Assembly shall make such modifications of existing law as may be necessary to regulate and give force to this provision.

Judges to appoint
Officers

SEC. 10. The Judge or Judges of any Court may appoint such officers for their respective Courts, as may be found necessary, and it shall be the duty of the General Assembly to prescribe by law a fixed compensation for all such officers.

Citizen may try
his own case

SEC. 11. Every person being a citizen of the United States shall be permitted to appear to and try his own case in all the Courts of this State.

Detaining Slaves.

SEC. 12. Any person who shall, after this Constitution shall have gone into effect, detain in slavery any person emancipated by the provisions of this Constitution, shall, on conviction be fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, or be imprisoned not more than five years; and any of the Judges of this State shall discharge, on *Habeas Corpus*, any person so detained in slavery.

Clerks to keep
Records, &c.

SEC. 13. The Clerks of the several Courts created or continued by this Constitution, shall have charge and custody of the Records and other papers, shall perform all