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CXXI.

submitted on presentment, in Baltimore county court, and said court may pass judgment in the same manner that any county court may against any criminal convicted before them; and the sheriff of Baltimore county shall hereafter summon both grand and petit jurors to attend the said county courts, in the same manner as is done in other counties of this state, any thing in the twenty-eighth section of the act, entitled, An act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, or in any other law, to the contrary notwithstanding; and all felonies, crimes and misdemeanors, triable in the county courts of this state, and committed in the body of Baltimore county, may and shall be tried, or submitted on presentment, in Baltimore county court, at their half yearly sittings for the transaction of the civil business of the said county; and all misdemeanors and offences triable before a single justice of the peace may, as heretofore, be tried before any justice of the peace of the said county, and the offender, if guilty, punished as the law directs; provided always, that nothing herein shall be construed to lessen or impair the jurisdiction of the general court in any criminal matter wherein the said jurisdiction is concurrent with that of the county courts of this state.

City court
may order
criminals to
be delivered,
&c.

VIII. **And be it enacted,** That Baltimore city court may order any criminal convicted and adjudged to work on the public highways under the said act for the more effectual punishment of criminals, to be delivered to the person or persons appointed to take care of the criminals by Baltimore county court, and the said person or persons are hereby directed to receive, work and treat, such criminal, in the same maner as criminals convicted in Baltimore county court.

Commit-
ments, &c. to
be returned,
&c.

IX. **And be it enacted,** That all commitments and recognizances taken for felonies, and other crimes and misdemeanors, committed in Baltimore county, shall be respectively returned to the court which, agreeably to this law, shall have jurisdiction over the place where the said crime was committed, and any justice taking such recognizance shall lodge the same with the clerk of said court on the day next before the day appointed for the holding said court to which it shall be returned, and the offender and witnesses bound in such recognizance shall be obliged to appear by virtue and according to the condition thereof.

Actions trans-
ferred, &c.

X. **And be it enacted,** That all criminal actions which shall be depending in Baltimore court at January term, seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, and not determined during said term, shall be respectively transferred and entered on the Baltimore county and Baltimore city court dockets, according to their respective jurisdictions, the said dockets to be made out and transmitted to the said courts, at their first meeting respectively hereafter, and the said actions shall be tried therein as fully and effectually, and judgment pronounced and executed, as if the said actions had been tried in Baltimore county criminal court, any thing in this law to the contrary notwithstanding.

County court
to sit in the
city, &c.

XI. **And be it enacted,** That Baltimore county court shall sit in the city of Baltimore on the first Monday in April and September in each year, for the transaction of civil and criminal business, and with the same powers with respect to the cognizance of criminal offences committed within the county, and without the limits of the said city, and precincts, as are at this time exercised under any existing law by the court of oyer and terminer and gaol delivery for Baltimore county, or by any of the county courts of this state.

Expences to
be a common
charge.

XII. **And be it enacted,** That all expences incurred in the execution of this act shall be a common charge on the city and county of Baltimore, and levied as heretofore by the justices of the levy court of said county.

When certain
matters are to
be done.

XII. **And,** whereas by divers acts of assembly the justices of the county courts are authorized and enjoined to do sundry matters and things at the county courts to be held in certain months in the said acts mentioned, and there being an alteration of the time of holding said courts by this act, **Be it enacted,** That in all cases where the courts are by this act directed to be held in different months from