

and determine all prosecutions and proceedings for the recovery of any penalty for doing or omitting to do any act within Wicomico County, the doing of which or omission to do which, is punishable under the laws of this State, by fine or imprisonment in jail or the House of Correction or any House of Detention; he shall have power to issue process and do all other reasonable acts consistent with existing law, necessary for the exercise of said jurisdiction; and he may pronounce judgment and sentence in all cases coming before him within his jurisdiction in the same manner and to the same extent as the Circuit Court might do; provided, however, that the accused when brought before said Judge of the People's Court shall have a right to demand a jury trial, or the State's Attorney for Wicomico County may demand a jury trial, or after judgment an appeal may be taken by the accused or by the State, in which case the accused shall be admitted to bail and recognizance filed as is now provided by law. Said Judge of the People's Court shall have Jurisdiction to hold such hearing or hearings as may be demanded in criminal causes generally, or in which he has no jurisdiction to finally determine, and may hold the accused for the Grand Jury agreeably to existing law, in case of homicide he may perform the duties of Coroner. The said Judge of the People's Court shall also be the Police Justice for the City of Salisbury.

The said Judge of the People's Court may suspend sentence generally or for a definite time, and may make such orders and impose such terms as to costs, recognizance 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 said Judge of the People's Court may also make such orders as to his detention in any care or custody as may deemed proper.

*Civil Jurisdiction.*

1927, ch. 329, sec. 54D.

101. Said Judge of The Peoples Court shall have civil jurisdiction in all cases for the collection of debts, enforcement of contracts and for redress for wrongs where the debt or the damage claimed shall not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, to all suits on bonds where the penalty does not exceed Three Hundred Dollars; to all actions of replevin where the value of the thing in controversy, after being duly appraised, shall not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars; to all cases of attachment against resident, non-resident or absconding debtors, and to all cases of attachment mentioned in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, where the sum claimed does not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars; and to all other civil causes where the sum claimed does not exceed the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, all exclusive of costs; and said Judge of The People's Court shall have jurisdiction to try and determine all of said causes and the controversy thereof between the parties upon a full hearing of all allegations and evidence, and shall give judgment according to the Laws of the Land and the equity, justice and right of