

On motion of Hall, it was

*Ordered*, That the committee on the judiciary be required to inquire into the propriety and expediency of authorizing the General Assembly to provide by law for the trial of petty offenses against the State by the several justices of the peace, in their respective districts, and to empower them to summon a jury to try such cases whenever required to do so by the parties accused.

Mr. Jones, from the select committee on the formation of a new county, submitted the following report:

“Section 1. The General Assembly may provide for the formation of new counties, locating and removing county seats, and changing county lines, but no new county shall be formed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits of any proposed new county; and whenever a new county is proposed to be formed out of portions of two or more counties, the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits of such part of each county as is proposed to be included in such new county shall be necessary to include such part; nor shall any new county contain less than four hundred square miles nor less than ten thousand white inhabitants; nor shall any county be reduced below that number of square miles and of white inhabitants; nor shall the lines of any county be changed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the limits of the line or lines proposed to be changed; and in any law proposing to form a new county, or to change any county line, provision shall be made for the ascertainment of the sense of the legal voters as aforesaid.”

Mr. Gill called up the order submitted by him yesterday, providing for a change of rules so as to make a majority vote necessary to go into committee of the whole.

Mr. Gill advocated the adoption of his order as being necessary to save time.

Mr. Garey said that from the intelligence and reputation of this body, it occurred to him that it required but little discussion to lead this Convention to a vote on any proposition. The people were becoming very impatient to investigate the fruit of their labors, and the demand from