

Mr. Alvey advocated his amendment, and spoke of the great delay in the Court of Appeals, caused by the absence of such rules and orders.

Mr. Carter called attention to the 17th section as amended, and to the fact of its not being perfect as it now stood, no provision being made for the election of a successor to the clerk in the event of his death or removal, and offered an amendment that in case of a vacancy in the office a clerk be appointed, who shall hold his office until the next general election for members of the Legislature, which was adopted.

The Convention then, at 3 P. M., adjourned.

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, FRIDAY, JULY 26.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Leech.

The unfinished business, being the report of the judiciary committee, was taken up, part second relating to the Court of Appeals being under consideration, and the pending question being on the amendment of Mr. Alvey requiring the judges of the Court of Appeals to prescribe rules of practice, &c., to be inserted as an additional section.

Mr. Gill moved an amendment—"and to make such reductions in the fees and expenses of the Court of Appeals as said court may deem advisable."

Mr. Marbury called attention to an order passed on the 15th of May requesting the clerk of the Court of Appeals to furnish a statement of the aggregate revenue of his office from the year 1860 to 1866, and to which the clerk had as yet made no response.

The amendment of Mr. Gill was agreed to.

Mr. Hayden moved to amend the amendment of Mr. Alvey by striking out the clause requiring the court to prescribe the time within which appeals may be taken, but, after remarks by Mr. Alvey, withdrew his amendment.

The amendment of Mr. Alvey was then adopted, and will be known as section 18.