

Part three, relating to the Circuit Courts, was then taken up. Section 18 (now 19) was read. "The State shall be divided into eight judicial districts, in the manner following, viz: the counties of Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester and Caroline shall constitute the first circuit; the counties of Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil the second; the counties of Baltimore and Harford the third; the counties of Allegany and Washington the fourth; the counties of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel the fifth; the counties of Montgomery and Frederick the sixth; the counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's the seventh, and Baltimore city the eighth.

Several substitutes were offered making a different division of the circuits, and reducing the number of circuits to seven.

Mr. Barry protested against an additional county being tacked on to the circuit of Baltimore county. There was more business before the Baltimore County Court than any other court in the State, excepting the city of Baltimore, and was perhaps as large as that of any single court in the city. Mr. B. sent to the clerk's desk a letter from Judge Emory, alluding to the immense amount of business brought before the Baltimore County Court, and suggesting that two courts be provided for that county.

An extended debate ensued on the various substitutes offered, all of which were rejected, but without taking final action on the section the Convention took a recess until 8 P. M.

#### FIFTY-SIXTH DAY—EVENING SESSION.

On motion of Mr. Carter, the Convention took up the report of the committee on labor and agriculture.

Section 1 was read:

Sec. —. There shall be a superintendent of labor and agriculture elected by the qualified voters of this State at the first general election for Delegates to the General Assembly after the adoption of this constitution, who shall hold his office for the term of ——— years, and until the election and qualification of his successor.

Mr. Carter moved to fill the blank with the word "four," which was agreed to.