

973,677; the value of the farming implements in the State in the year 1850 was about \$2,463,000, and in 1860, \$4,010,00. In 1850 the wheat raised was 4,494,000 bushels, and in 1860 6,103,000 bushels. The increase in the production of corn and rye was as great. The population in 1850 was 583,000, in 1860 628,000, and must now reach 700,000. The population and the material prosperity of the State having so much increased, the duties of the judiciary were increased, and the State was able and should pay higher salaries.

Mr. Howard asked the lawyers of this Convention to beware before they increased these salaries, as the people would not consent to it. The Convention of 1864, which had done little to entitle it to praise in this Convention, had stopped at an increase of salaries, and this Convention would do well to profit by its example. As to high salaries, adding to the dignity of the judge, there was nothing in it. The dignity of every man rested with himself, not with the amount of salary which he received.

Mr. Stoddert said these were not the times to be putting up salaries. The statistics which the gentleman from Baltimore had quoted from were when the State was in the midst of prosperity, but the statistics of today would show a very different tale. An eminent financial writer of the North had said that since the war the value of property north of the Potomac had decreased one-half, and they all knew how much it had decreased south of the Potomac. How many of them had incomes now equal to what they were before the war? His income, as an agriculturist, was not one-third as much, and he knew this was the experience of others. In these days of depression and despondency it would not do to raise the salaries, so that judges might be clothed in fine linen and fare sumptuously. The people were now groaning under taxation; he saw by the prints of Baltimore that there was constant complaint in that city about the taxes. In addition to the State and local taxation, they had now the onerous and oppressive United States taxes to pay, and the burden must not be increased. They should look to the bar of Maryland for sacrifices at this time. He was sorry if no member of the profession would give his time for the sake of undying fame and to live in the memory of the people,