

bers of the Convention to reduce, if possible, the number of circuits, and upon this would also depend the standard of salaries to be fixed. Some members desired to reconsider the section relative to the circuits, but their experience proved that it would not be desirable to open debate again on the subject, but the matter deserved such serious consideration that after conversation with distinguished members he begged to submit the following order:

*Ordered*, That a committee of seven be appointed by the President with instructions to inquire whether it be practicable to divide the State into seven judicial circuits, and if practicable, to prepare a plan of division for the consideration of this Convention, and that said committee shall report at 3 o'clock P. M. today.

Mr. Motter hoped the order would not prevail, as it was only calculated to produce confusion. This report had already occupied the Convention for several weeks, and the plan which had been adopted had been the result of concession. A new project brought forward at this time would have no other effect than to open up all the contest over again.

The order was advocated by Messrs. McKaig, Watkins of Montgomery, Brent, Hollyday, Archer and Alvey, and opposed by Mr. Barry.

The order was then adopted.

Mr. Barnes submitted an order that there shall be at least 30,000 copies of the new constitution printed for distribution among the people, and that the committee on printing be instructed to inquire into and report upon the same.

Mr. Carter offered a substitute that the committee on printing be instructed to inquire into the best mode of printing and distributing the constitution, and ascertain the cost of the same, which was accepted by Mr. Barnes, and adopted.

The President announced the appointment of the committee under the order of Mr. Merrick, as follows: Messrs. Merrick, Archer, Wickes, Jones, Maulsby, McKaig and Ford.

The report of the committee on the executive depart-