

lature to require the Sheriffs of the respective counties in this State, to sell and dispose of all estates directed to be sold under all decrees passed on the equity side of the said courts, and to execute all and every process in the said courts, whether at law or equity, save and excepting the duties of auditor and clerk of said courts, for which no greater commission or per centage shall be allowed than is now allowed him for sales at law.

Sec. 13. In the trial of all actions hereafter in the courts of this State, in which matters of account in bar or set off are plead as now authorized by law, or which may hereafter be allowed by law—the jury shall find, according to the merits of the case, either for the plaintiff or the defendant, as the same may be.

Mr. DAVIS, (by permission of the Convention,) presented a memorial signed by Millers, Flour Dealers, Shippers and Merchants of the city of Baltimore, remonstrating against the repeal of the present Inspection system, and submitting certain reasons therefor.

Which was read, and on motion of Mr. DAVIS, referred to the Committee on Inspections.

Mr. BOWIE, said that it was necessary to devise some such plan as suggested by the gentleman from Kent, (Mr. Chambers,) and he hoped that the Convention would adjourn in order to enable that gentleman, together with the gentleman from Somerset, (Mr. Crisfield,) to prepare the plan. The Convention by their votes had evidently shown a desire for some reform in this respect.

Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, then renewed the motion to adjourn.

Mr. BROWN moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays, and that the hour be noted on the Journal, it being half-past one o'clock.

The yeas and nays were ordered; on being taken resulted—ayes 37; noes 29.

Affirmative—Messrs. Chapman, President, Morgan, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers of Kent, Mitchell, Donaldson, Wells, Randall, Kent, Jenifer, Buchanan, Welch, Ridgely, John Dennis, James U. Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Williams, Hodson, Eccleston, Phelps, Chambers of Cecil, McCullough, Bowie, Sprigg, McCubbin, Spencer, Grason, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Pooks, Jacobs, Sherwood, of Baltimore city, Davis and Anderson—37.

Negative—Messrs. Sellman, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Miller, McLane, George, Thomas, Johnson, Gaither, Biser, Annan, Sappington, McHenry, Magraw, Schley, Fiery, Neill, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Waters, Weber, Holliday, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Shower and Brown—29.

The Convention accordingly adjourned until Monday morning, half-past 11 o'clock.

MONDAY, April 28, 1851.

The Convention met at half-past 11 o'clock, in pursuance of the order heretofore adopted. Prayer was made by the Rev. Mr. Griffith. The Journal of Saturday was read.

Mr. JENIFER presented a memorial of sundry citizens of Charles county, praying for restrictions on the present system of granting license for the sale of ardent spirits.

Mr. J. in presenting the memorial, said it was signed by some of the most respectable and intelligent citizens of the county, and he had no doubt it expressed the sentiments of a large majority of the people of the county. Mr. J. said numerous memorials of similar import had been presented from several counties of the State, and if the Convention did not act upon them he hoped the next legislature would take the evil complained of under serious consideration, and provide such remedies as the case called for. This, as the other memorials, was signed by Sons of Temperance and others not members of that fraternity, but all united to arrest the grievances under which the moral community had so long suffered. One thing, however, Mr. J. said, might be done, an example worthy of imitation by all classes of citizens, which he would suggest; which if adopted, no member would suffer more than he would, for no gentleman was fonder of the good things of this life than he was; yet in so good a cause he was willing to make the sacrifice. It was that every member of the Convention should join the Temperance Society, from which Mr. J. said he had no doubt more good would result to the State of Maryland than the framing of any Constitution likely to be adopted by this Convention. Then we shall at least have done something for the good of the State.

Mr. J. asked the referring of the memorial to the appropriate committee.

Ordered accordingly.

JOURNAL OF THE CONVENTION.

Mr. MAGRAW said he desired to submit an order for the consideration of the Convention.

The order was read, as follows:

Ordered, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to examine the record of the Journal of Proceedings, as kept by the Secretary, and to report the same to the Convention, that it may be deposited in the State Library, and also to report what compensation the Secretary is entitled therefor.

The order having been read,

Mr. MAGRAW said that the Secretary of the Convention had been exceedingly attentive to his duties, and zealous in their discharge. He (Mr. M.) understood that it was not the intention of that gentleman to ask any extra pay for the performance of the arduous duties of his office. There had been extra work, done out of the Convention, for which, in his (Mr. M's) opinion, the Secretary was entitled to compensation. His object was that the work should be examined by a committee, in order that they might determine what the proper amount of compensation would be.

The question was stated to be on the adoption of the order.

Mr. SPENCER rose, he said, for the purpose of inquiring from the gentleman who introduced the order, (Mr. Magraw,) whether there was