

On motion of Mr. Motter, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the executive department be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting the veto power to the Governor.

On motion of Mr. Seyster, it was

Ordered, That the clerk of the Court of Appeals be requested to furnish to this Convention the number and names of the cases argued by the attorney general in that court since his installation into office.

On motion of Mr. Alvey, it was

Ordered, That with a view to an efficient organization of the courts of original jurisdiction, the committee on the judiciary department inquire into the expediency of

First. Dividing the State (exclusive of the city of Baltimore) into judicial circuits, to consist of two or more counties, and for each of which circuits one judge be elected or appointed, as the case may be, whose duty it shall be to preside at the sittings of the several courts of common law held within their respective circuits.

Second. Electing or appointing a judge for each of the several counties of the State, who shall have common law and equity jurisdiction within their respective counties, and who shall sit as associate of the said circuit judge, in the regular session of the common law courts held in the counties for which they shall be elected or appointed; and

Third. Abolishing the Orphans' Courts as now constituted, and conferring upon said county judge all the powers and jurisdiction thereof.

The President laid before the Convention a communication from the clerk of the county commissioners of Kent county, stating the amount levied for the judges of the Orphans' Court of that county for the year 1866 to be \$580.

On motion of Mr. Spates, it was

Ordered, That the clerks of the several county commissioners in this State be requested to furnish this Convention with the aggregate amount of assessable prop-