quested to act as assistant secretary in the absence of that officer.

The roll was called and a quorum found to be present.

Mr. Gill submitted an order that hereafter it shall not be compent to go into committee of the whole unless by a majority vote, and that the rules be changed accordingly, which was laid over until tomorrow.

The unfinished business, being the report of the committee on the judiciary, was then taken up, the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Archer to strike out the twentieth section.

On motion of Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, the Convention then resolved itself into committee of the whole for the consideration of the above motion.

Mr. Hayden, of Carroll county, being entitled to the floor, concluded his argument in favor of the three-judge system.

Mr. Gill said under the present constitution all State officers were required to return all the fees of their office exceeding $3,000 per annum, but this constitutional provision was evaded to a great extent. He thought that a proper officer should be appointed to look into this matter and that the amount saved thereby would be sufficient to pay the expense of any judiciary system without adding to the taxation. A crier of one of the courts in Baltimore city, whose emoluments probably exceeded three times the limit prescribed, made no returns whatever to the Comptroller. He would read from a paper just sent to him by the Comptroller, showing that the following officers only have been making semi-annual returns to the Comptroller of "fees and emoluments," viz:

State's Attorney for Baltimore city; State's Attorney for Baltimore county; Register of Wills for Baltimore city; Registers of Wills for all the counties; Clerk of the Criminal Court for Baltimore city; Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Baltimore city; Clerk of the Superior Court for Baltimore city; Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore city; Clerks of the Circuit Courts for all the counties; Flour Inspector of Baltimore city.

Gross amount received into the treasury from fees and