

served and excepted from sale; and *provided further*, that no sale or contract of sale of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and the Susquehanna and Tide-Water Canal Companies shall go into effect until the same shall be ratified by the ensuing General Assembly.

Which was read a first time.

Mr. Ritchie, from the Committee upon the Judiciary Department, submitted the following Minority Report:

MINORITY REPORT UPON PART FOUR AND PART FIVE OF THE JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

PART IV.—COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY.

SECTION —. There shall be in the Eighth Judicial Circuit, six Courts, to be styled the Superior Court of Baltimore city, the Court of Common Pleas, the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, the Criminal Court of Baltimore, the Baltimore City Court, and the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city; each Court, except the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city, shall consist of one Judge, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city, at the election hereinbefore provided, and shall hold his office for the term of _____ years, subject to the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the election and qualification of Judges, and their removal from office, and shall exercise the jurisdiction hereinafter specified.

SEC. — Each of the said Judges shall receive an annual salary of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), payable quarterly, which shall not be diminished during his term of office.

SEC. — The Superior Court of Baltimore City shall have jurisdiction over all suits where the debt or damage claimed, exclusive of interest, shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and in case any plaintiff or plaintiffs, shall recover less than the sum or value of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), he or they shall be allowed or adjudged to pay costs, in the discretion of the Court. The said Court shall also have jurisdiction in all other civil cases, except in equity, which are not hereinafter assigned to the Court of Common Pleas, or to Baltimore City Court.

SEC. — The Court of Common Pleas shall have civil jurisdiction in all suits where the debt or damage claimed, exclusive of interest, shall be over one hundred dollars (\$100), and shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000); in actions of replevin where the appraised value of the property in controversy exceeds one hundred dollars (\$100), and does not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000), and in all applications for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this State, and the supervision and control of the Trustees thereof.