

they did not want this increase, there was no reason why the counties should give it to them.

Mr. Barry said gentlemen seemed to forget that they are not working altogether for today. He hoped such a constitution would be framed as would endure for all time—hoped it would last for his time. The duties of this officer in Baltimore city are and would be most onerous; they were increasing every day.

Mr. Ritchie said there was scarcely a more laborious office in the city of Baltimore than the position of State's Attorney. Day after day he had to be at his post, and he was compelled to give up his practice, and when he retired from the position he had to begin the labor of accumulating practice again. Another thing, the State's Attorney was paid in precise proportion to the labor that he performed. He drew nothing out of the State treasury, but all over the State the States' attorneys were dependent on the fees of their office for their compensation. If they did not work they got nothing; if they did do the work, no gentleman but would admit that he was entitled to a fair compensation for the labor that he performed.

Mr. Gill differed with both his colleagues. The question was how much would secure the services of a competent person for this position in the city of Baltimore. He believed that \$4,000 would do it, and therefore moved to amend by making the salary \$4,000.

Mr. Silver regretted to see this disposition to increase the salaries of officers. No greater bar could be put upon the adoption of this constitution which they were about to submit to the people than the increased rate of salaries. The men who were to adopt or reject this constitution would consider the matter carefully when they came to vote.

Mr. Garey differed from his colleague (Mr. Carter) that this position was noted for a field for a young man. Baltimore city, besides being the center of the wealth and population of the State, was also the center of crime, and the State's Attorney there should be a man of age and experience, capable of meeting the best array of legal talent. This matter concerned Baltimore alone, and he was satisfied that the majority of his colleagues concurred