

with him in the view that \$5,000 was not too much for the position. The people did not want a boy to go into this office; they wanted a man of mature age; enlarged experience and exalted talents to go into this position. The gentleman from Baltimore county, (Mr. Barry,) and others can go into the Criminal Court and make more than \$5,000 for defending a few cases, and why should not the man who is to meet them be paid as much? The man who accepts this position has got to give up his practice and shut his office, and he should be paid a reasonable rate. Twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars passed through the hands of this officer annually, and he should be beyond temptation. In regard to all this talk about high salaries, it was all for buncombe.

Mr. Carter said, in reply to his colleague, (Mr. Garey,) that a man who would steal at \$3,000 would steal at \$5,000; and in regard to speaking for buncombe, he did not sit here for any such purpose. He should offer any amendment to reduce salaries, or for any other purpose, when he was satisfied that it was just and proper.

Mr. Maulsby would make a suggestion to the committee to pass this over at this time, without fixing the salary. He thought it would be best to provide that the officer shall have the same salary as that of the judge of the court, as he was not willing to give the State's Attorney a higher salary than the judge.

Mr. Barry thought it was better to dispose of the matter now. He did not think it would be just to restrict the salary of the State's Attorney to the same amount as that of the judge. The duties of the judge of the Criminal Court were very light in comparison with those of the State's Attorney. Attorney General Richardson, one of the ablest men of the state, had the power to retain all the fees, and they amounted to \$8,000 or \$10,000 at that time, and although he had assistants, it was complained then that the compensation was too light.

Mr. Gill called for a division of the motion of Mr. Carter, and the question was taken on the striking out of \$5,000, which was agreed to.

The question was then announced as on the motion of Mr. Gill to insert \$4,000.