

Mr. Barry said if gentlemen were resolved to strike down the salary of the prosecuting attorney of the city of Baltimore, the State of Maryland would be a sufferer by it.

Mr. Gill was very much surprised at the remarks of the gentleman from Washington county, (Mr. Syester.) The gentleman evidently did not understand the duties of this office in the city of Baltimore. He had never occupied the position himself, but his brother, now deceased, who was his law partner, had occupied it, and although it was twenty years ago, the duties of the position had kept him constantly employed, and the duties of the office had largely increased since then. He was as much in favor of economy as any one, but did not think the spirit of economy would be subserved by reducing this salary.

Mr. Stoddert asked if there was no public spirit in the city of Baltimore, that no one would take this position unless for dollars and cents? In his county the lawyers were considered the largest tax gatherers.

Mr. Denson called for the yeas and nays on the motion to insert \$3,500, as he wanted to see how Baltimore city voted.

Mr. Ford said the sonorous voice and mellifluous tones of the gentleman from Washington county, (Mr. Syester,) had frightened the Convention somewhat out of its propriety. Although a member of the committee, the gentleman had so frightened him, (Mr. Ford.) that he voted to strike out \$5,000. But there was no reason why members should object to giving this officer in Baltimore a fair salary. He would say, and the people of St. Mary's would say to the people of Baltimore, elect a proper man and pay him a proper salary. It would be found that most of the fees arising from this office in Baltimore came out of the pockets of the criminals who were prosecuted.

Mr. Wickes had at first been in favor of the report of the committee, but as it was a matter which concerned the city of Baltimore alone, and as her delegation seemed to be divided on the subject and some of them to be of the opinion that \$3,000 was enough he had resolved to vote for that amount. He did not advocate it, but if this salary was reduced to \$1,000 (he had not the slightest