

organized without the consent of the majority of the legal voters residing within the limits proposed to be formed into said new county, nor shall the lines of any county be changed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the district which under said proposed change would form a part of a county different from that to which it belonged prior to said change; and no new county shall contain less than 400 square miles, nor less than 10,000 white inhabitants; nor shall any change be made in the limits of any county whereby the population of said county would be reduced to less than 10,000 white inhabitants, or its territory reduced to less than 400 square miles."

Mr. Jones moved an amendment, to insert after the word "county," in the fifth line, "and whenever a new county shall be proposed to be formed out of portions of two or more counties, the consent of a majority of the legal voters of such part of each of said counties, respectively, shall be required," which was adopted.

The Convention then, at 10.45 P. M., adjourned.

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, FRIDAY, AUGUST 9.

Convention met at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hammond.

Mr. Hall submitted the following:

Ordered, That the committee on the militia report to the Convention the expediency of abolishing the office of State pension commissioner created by the act of 1867, chapter 385, and of prohibiting the legislature from establishing any general pension system in the State.

Mr. Jones said that this act of the Assembly had opened the doors to the most enormous frauds that had ever been practiced upon the people of Maryland. He had suspected something of the kind when the bill was pending, and had voted against it.

Mr. Wallace concurred entirely in the views of the gentleman from Somerset, (Mr. Jones,) and thought some action in this matter should be taken by the Convention.

After some further debate, and the change of the ref-