

The only protection of the tidewater counties was in the Senate. He should vote yea.

Mr. Walsh voted against the measure because it was manifestly unjust to the people in the remaining portions of the two counties. He considered that the introduction of the new county into the constitution was the very element that would destroy it. He also considered it unjust to the people of his own county.

Mr. Wickes voted in the affirmative for the same reasons as those expressed by the gentleman from Frederick, (Mr. Maulsby.) He had opposed this bill, but as it had passed a second reading by a vote large enough to pass it finally, he could not place himself in the attitude of factious opposition to the plainly expressed will of the Convention.

Mr. Wilkinson said if it was in order, he would vote aye without any explanation.—[Laughter.]

Mr. Dent voted aye for the reasons expressed by the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Walsh,) for voting no.

The report of the committee on the judiciary was then passed, yeas 87, nays 16—Messrs. Archer, Brewer of Montgomery, Burke, Franklin, Galt, Groome, Hollyday, Horsey of Somerset, McCormick, McMaster, Merryman, Parker, Rennolds, Riggs, Stoddert and Watkins of Montgomery.

Mr. Dent reported the following additional section to the article on the Legislative Department:

Section —. The office of State pension commissioner is hereby abolished, and the Legislature shall pass no law creating such office or establishing any general pension system within this State.

The report was read the first, second and third time by special order, and passed, yeas 70, nays 22—Messrs. Barnes, Bateman, Brewer of Baltimore city, Cosgrove, Denson, Dent, Flaherty, Hammond, Hoblitzell, Kilbourn, Mitchell, Morris, Nelson, Nicolai, Pole, Rennolds, Roman, Spates, Syester, Vansant, Walsh and Wethered.

The Convention took a recess until 7 P. M.