

WEDNESDAY, December 4th, 1850.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same members as on yesterday.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Spencer, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of incorporating the following articles in the Constitution :

1. That the Judges shall hold their commission for the term of ten years, removeable only, during said term, for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law, and re-eligible at the expiration of said term.

2. That the Court of Appeals shall be separate and distinct from the county courts, and shall consist of three Judges, one to be chosen from the Eastern Shore, and two from the Western Shore, which shall hold two terms annually at the city of _____, the first term to commence on the 1st Monday in June, and the second term on the 1st Monday in December.

3. That the State be divided into eight Judicial districts, exclusive of the city of Baltimore,—the 1st, to consist of the counties of Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester; the 2nd, of the counties of Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne's; the 3rd, of the counties of Kent, Cecil and Harford; the 4th, of the counties of Allegany and Washington; the 5th, of the counties of Frederick and Montgomery; the 6th, of the counties of Baltimore and Carroll; the 7th, of the counties of Prince George's, Charles and St. Mary's; the 8th, of the counties of Calvert, Anne Arundel and Howard district—for each of which shall be chosen one county court Judge.

4. That the Judge of the said districts, in addition to the common law courts, shall be the Judge of the Orphans' court and Chancery court for each of said counties and that the Orphans' Court and Chancery court of said districts shall be incorporated into one court.

5. That there shall be one common law court for the city of Baltimore, to which shall be chosen one Judge, and one chancery and testamentary court, to which shall be appointed one Judge.

6. That special pleading be abolished in the common law courts, and that no testimony in the chancery courts, when witnesses are within the process of the court, shall be taken under a commission, but the same proceedings shall, in all respects, be had in taking testimony in said courts as is now practiced in the common law courts.

7. That a chancery sheriff be chosen for said chancery and orphans courts, whose duty it shall be to execute all process of said courts, under the direction of the Judges thereof.

Which was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Spencer, submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee on the Judiciary inquire into the expediency of incorporating in the constitution a test oath for al