

7th. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to enquire and report upon the proper apportionment of representation in the Assembly of Maryland.

Which were read, and

On motion of Mr. Jenifer,

Referred to the select committee of twenty-one.

Mr. Ricaud submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee on the appointment of committees take into consideration the propriety of subdividing the matter of the judiciary into three committees, so as to embrace one on the appointment of a separate Appellate Court, one on the system of County Courts, and a third on the Courts of Equity and Orphans Courts, with a view of consolidating those two systems;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Ricaud,

Referred to the select committee of twenty-one.

Mr. Sellman submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the resolutions offered by Mr. Sellman on Monday, the 11th inst., in reference to the organization of the Convention, be referred to the general committee raised this morning;

Which was read, and

On his motion referred to the select committee of twenty-one.

Mr. Davis submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the committee of twenty-one be instructed to enquire whether a committee ought not to be appointed upon the subject of Agriculture;

Which was twice read and adopted.

Mr. Gwinn submitted the following order:

Ordered, That the clerks of the several counties in this State and of Howard District, and of Baltimore city court, and the Registers of Wills of the several counties and of Howard District, be requested to inform this Convention the gross receipts of their several offices, and that they be further requested to state what are the expenses incurred in carrying on the duties of their said offices; what clerks or other officers they employ, at what rates they are paid, and whether they are paid out of the gross receipts of the office or otherwise, and give an account of all the expenses of the said offices; and that the said clerks of the several county courts, and of the clerk of Baltimore city court, and the Register in Chancery, state what number of cases, criminal and civil, and on the equity side of the said county courts, distinguishing the same, were tried in the said counties, Howard District, and city of Baltimore, at the several terms of the courts held therein, in the years 1846, '47, '48, '49, '50; what number of suits were brought in the said several counties within the period referred to, specifying the number brought to each term; in what number of cases judgment was entered without a jury sworn; in how many a jury was sworn for the purpose only of taking a verdict; and how many cases were actually argued; and the number of insolvent applications returned to said county courts during the said time, and that the said reports be made by the 15th of December next.