

At half past 3 o'clock, P. M.,

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd, 1851.

The Convention met.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Graff.

The proceedings of yesterday, were read.

Mr. Wells, informed the Convention that he had received a communication from his colleague, Judge Dorsey, desiring him to state to the Convention, that he was compelled by indisposition to return home, but that he would resume his seat in the Convention, at the earliest period he could do so.

Mr. Spencer, gave notice that at the proper time he should offer the following amendments to the report submitted by Mr. Bowie, as chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, which he desired to be entered upon the record :

“Sec. 9. This State shall be divided into eight Judicial districts exclusive of the city of Baltimore, in manner and form following, to wit : Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties shall be the first district; Caroline, Talbot and Queen Anne’s counties shall be the second district; Kent, Cecil and Harford counties shall be the third district; Allegany and Washington counties shall be the fourth district; Frederick and Montgomery counties shall be the fifth district; Baltimore and Carroll counties shall be the sixth district; Prince George’s, Charles and St. Mary’s counties shall be the seventh district; Calvert, Anne Arundel and Howard counties, shall be the eighth district; and one person of integrity and sound judgment in the law, who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years, and a resident of the district, and not above the age of seventy years, shall be elected from each of said districts, by a majority of the legal and qualified voters therein, as a Judge of the county court for said district, who shall hold his office for the term of ten years from the time of his election, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, whichever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after; and the county courts, so as aforesaid established, shall have, hold and exercise in the several