

Mr. Bowie, moved as a substitute for said amendment and section, the following :

“Section 9. There shall be a county court in each county of the State, and for this purpose the State shall be divided into thirteen inferior judicial circuits, of which Allegany county shall be the first, Washington county the second, Frederick county the third, Baltimore county the fourth, Prince George’s county the fifth, Carroll and Harford counties the sixth, Montgomery and Howard counties the seventh, Calvert and Anne Arundel counties the eighth, Charles and St. Mary’s counties the ninth, Cecil and Kent counties the tenth, Queen Anne’s and Caroline counties the eleventh, Dorchester and Talbot counties the twelfth, and Worcester and Somerset the thirteenth; and one person from among those learned in the law, having been admitted to practice the law in this State, and who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years, and above the age of thirty years, at the time of his election, and a resident of the said judicial circuit, shall be elected from each of said circuits by a plurality vote of the legal and qualified voters therein, as a Judge in and for the said judicial circuit, 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; subject to removal for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty, misbehaviour in office, by presentment of a grand jury and conviction of a petit jury of the county in which he may reside, or by the Governor, upon the address of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each House concurring in such address. The salaries of the judges of the said Judicial circuits shall be two thousand dollars annually to each, and shall not be increased or diminished during their continuance in office. They shall reside respectively in the district from which they were elected, and shall hold in each and every year, at such times and places as may be prescribed by law, and attend at the Court House of each county in said district, as often as the Legislature may prescribe for the transaction and dispatch of Judicial business;”

Which was read.

Mr. Thomas, moved to postpone the consideration of the 9th section and amendments and take up the 10th section of said report ;

Determined in the affirmative.

The 10th section of said report was then read ;

Mr. Thomas, moved to amend said section by striking out from the word “law” in the 5th line, these words :

“They shall also have exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating to last wills and testaments, executors and administrators and guardians, within their respective limits, and all and ever other power which the orphans courts of this State now have, or which may be hereafter prescribed by law ;”