

Mr. SOLLERS said:

That he had not meant to cast any imputation upon the clerk in St. Mary's. Every single charge was a legal one, for he had gone down there and examined the account, to see whether he could not increase his own. In the case in Calvert the investigation had been long and tedious, the evidence being entirely circumstantial; so that he considered the cases as equal.

Mr. MAGRAW moved the previous question, and being seconded,

The question recurred on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Bowie.

Mr. Dorsey moved for a division of the question, which was stated on striking out;

Mr. Bowie, moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays;

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative.*—Messrs. Morgan, Blakistone, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Dorsey, Wells Kent, Sellman, Weems, Sollers, Buchanan, Ridgely, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Miller, Bowie-Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Annan, Stephenson, Magraw, Carter, Schley, Fiery, Neill John Newcomer, Harbine, Davis, Kilgour, Waters, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Shower and Brown—57.

*Negative.*—Messrs. Randall, Bond, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Welch, Bowling, Spencer, George, Sappington, McHenry, Nelson, Thawley, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Ware, Michael Newcomer, Brewer, Parke, Ege and Cockey—21.

So the Convention agreed to strike out.

The question was then stated upon accepting the amendment as offered by Mr. Bowie.

Mr. Bowie moved that the question be taken by yeas and nays,

Which being ordered,

Appeared as follows:

*Affirmative.*—Messrs. Randall, Sellman, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Jenifer, Howard, Buchanan, Ridgely, Miller, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Bowling, McHenry, Magraw, Nelson, Neill, Smith and Shower—20.

*Negative.*—Messrs. Blakistone, Pres't, *pro tem.*, Dent, Hopewell, Ricaud, Lee, Dorsey, Wells, Kent, Weems, Bond, Welch, Lloyd, Sherwood of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Dashiell, Williams, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Spencer, George, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Thomas, Shriver, Gaither, Annan, Sappington, Stephenson, Thawley, Stewart of Caroline, Hardcastle, Gwinn, Stewart of Baltimore city, Ware, Schley, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Michael Newcomer, Davis, Kilgour, Brewer, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday, Fitzpatrick, Parke, Ege and Brown—55.

So the Convention refused to accept the amendment.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Ricaud.

Mr. THAWLEY moved the Convention adjourn. Determined in the negative.

The question again recurred upon the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Ricaud, and

Determined in the affirmative.

The question then recurred upon the adoption of the substitute as offered by Mr. JOHN NEWCOMER, for the amendment as amended, as follows:

"The Legislature at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall reduce and so graduate the fees and perquisites of the several clerks of the court of common law and equity, and registers of wills of this State, that no one of them shall receive more than a fair and reasonable compensation for performing the duties of his office."

The question being taken upon accepting the substitute, it was

Determined in the negative.

The question then recurred and was taken on the adoption of the amendment as offered by Mr. Ricaud, and

Determined in the affirmative.

The article was then read and adopted as the 21st article of the Constitution.

Mr. SPENCER gave notice, that on to-morrow he should move to reconsider the vote of the Convention on the article just adopted, for the purpose of moving to strike out the same and substitute the following in lieu of it:

"The Legislature shall at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, provide by law for a plain and uniform rate of fees in the offices of county clerks and registers of wills in this State, and for fixed salaries to the clerks and registers thereof, to be paid out of the fees of said offices."

Mr. RANDALL, with the unanimous consent of the Convention, submitted the following order:

*Ordered*, that the committee on revision be authorized to contract for the expeditious printing and circulation of the Constitution, as prepared by this Convention, provided the cost thereof do not exceed fifteen hundred dollars.

Mr. RANDALL said that it had occurred to the committee on revision, that unless immediate steps should be taken for the publication of the Constitution, in the progress of its preparation, it could not be circulated in time for the people to read it, and be aware of its contents, when called upon to vote upon it. They thought the best plan would be to contract with some printer to take their pages as fast as sanctioned by the Convention, to put them in type, and correct them as the Convention should make changes, until it was completed. In that way, by the day after the adjournment, it would be ready for the press. They would then commence the circulation at once in the remotest parts of the State, and so on until all should be supplied. The committee wished for instructions with regard to the number to be printed, and as to the mode of printing. It might be printed in a pamphlet form, or as an