

ments, and they were thereby, under the Constitution and laws of this State, ineligible as delegates to this Convention; Therefore,

Resolved, That the seats of the aforesaid delegates be, and the same are hereby declared vacant, and the President be and he is hereby requested, as soon as may be, to take order for the election of delegates to fill said vacancies in the said city and counties respectively, according to law.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Stockbridge, from the Committee on the Judiciary Department, submitted the following

### REPORT:

ANNAPOLIS, August 6th, 1864.

The Committee appointed to consider and report upon the Judiciary System of the State, respectfully submit the following report, and recommend the adoption of the same as Article IV of the Constitution.

H. STOCKBRIDGE, Chairman  
Com. on Jud'y Dep't.

## JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

### PART I.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

SECTION 1. The Judicial Power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts, Orphans' Courts, such Courts for the city of Baltimore as may be hereinafter prescribed or provided for, and Justices of the Peace; all said Courts shall be Courts of Record, and have a seal to be used in the authentication of all process issuing from them. The process and official character of Justices of the Peace shall be authenticated as hath heretofore been practised in this State, or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Sec. 2. The Judges of the several Courts, except the Associated Judges of the Orphans' Courts, shall be citizens of the United States, and of this State, not less than five years next preceding their appointment, and not less than one year next preceding their appointment resident in the Judicial District or Circuit, as the case may be, for which they may be appointed. They shall be not less than thirty years of age at the time of their appointment, and selected from those who have been admitted to practice law in this State, and