

Ordered, That the committee on accounts be instructed not to issue any more certificates for payment of members or officers of this convention until after its adjournment *sine die*.

The object is to give the committee an opportunity to close up accounts at the bank, and have them adjusted, so as to have no difficulty at the close of the session.

Mr. PUGH. It is customary to pass such an order.

The rules were suspended, on division—ayes 45, noes 20.

The order was adopted, on division—ayes 35, noes 30.

CIRCUIT COURTS.

The convention resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the judiciary department.

The next section was read as follows :

"Sec. 22. The salary of each judge of the circuit court shall be three thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and shall not be increased or diminished during his continuance in office."

No amendment being offered, the next section was read as follows :

"Sec. 23. There shall be a clerk of the circuit court for each county, who shall be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters of said county; he shall hold his office for the term of six years from the time of his election, and until a new election is held and his successor duly qualified; he shall be re-eligible at the end of his term, and shall at any time be subject to removal for wilful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law.

Mr. PETER moved to strike out "six" in line four, and insert "ten."

Mr. MILLER moved to strike out "six" and insert "fifteen."

Mr. MILLER's amendment was rejected.

Mr. PETER's amendment was rejected.

SALARY OF CIRCUIT JUDGES.

Mr. ABBOTT moved to recur to the 22d section.

The motion was agreed to.

The twenty-second section was read as follows :

"Sec. 22. The salary of each judge of the circuit court shall be three thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and shall not be increased or diminished during his continuance in office."

Mr. ABBOTT moved to strike out "three" and insert "two" in the second line, to make the salary \$2,000.

Mr. SANDS moved to strike out "\$3,000" and insert "\$2,500."

The question being stated on the latter amendment, containing the largest sum,

Mr. ABBOTT demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 43, nays 28—as follows :

Yeas—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Abbott, Billingsley, Briscoe, Chambers, Cunningham, Daniel, Davis, of Washington, Deilinger, Ecker, Edelen, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hoffman, Hollyday, Hopkins, Hopper, Horsey, Johnson, Keefer, King, Lansdale, Larsh, Markey, McComas, Mitchell, Morgan, Negley, Nyman, Parran, Russell, Sands, Sch'ey, Schlosser, Smith, of Carroll, Sneary, Swope, Sykes, Thruston, Todd, Wooden—43.

Nays—Messrs. Annan, Audoun, Blackiston, Bond, Brooks, Brown, Cushing, Dennis, Dent, Duvall, Gale, Hatch, Henkle, Kennard, Lee, Miller, Murray, Parker, Peter, Pugh, Purnell, Ridgely, Robinette, Smith, of Dorchester, Smith, of Worcester, Stirling, Thomas, Wickard—28.

When their names were called,

Mr. CHAMBERS said: I vote "aye," preferring \$2,500 to \$2,000.

Mr. HEBB said: I vote "aye," preferring \$2,500 to \$3,000.

Mr. PUGH said: I shall vote against this amendment because I prefer \$3,000. I like to stick to my principles. I am not in favor of cheap justices, nor cheap instructors for our children. I shall vote to keep up the salaries to what I consider a fair value. I vote "no."

Mr. PURNELL said: I feel entirely disposed to compensate any officer of the State for the services he may render. But events connected with this particular service show at least to my mind very conclusively that there is no particular reason for increasing the salary at this time. Under the old system the chief justice received \$2,200, and the associate justices \$1,400. They seemed to be satisfied with it. At all events I never heard of any resignations, and they held office during life. In 1850 we raised the salary to \$2,000; and I have heard of no resignations occurring since then on account of the inadequateness of the salary. The labors have not been increased since then, and I can see no reason why the compensation should be increased. I vote "no."

Mr. RIDGELY said: I shall vote against this proposition for the reason that I consider a judge who is upon the bench ten or eleven months in the year continuously entitled to a much larger salary than the judge who perhaps may not be occupied more than three, or four, or five months in the year. The judges of Baltimore city, and the judge of Baltimore county are occupied through the year; and I do not consider \$2,500 any compensation for that service. I therefore vote "no."

Mr. THRUSTON. I vote "aye," though I am in favor of \$3,000, because I cannot get more.

The amendment was accordingly agreed to.