

consent of a majority of legal voters of such parts of said counties, respectively, shall be required; nor shall the lines of any county be changed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the district which, under said proposed change, would form a part of a county different from that to which it belonged prior to said change. All new counties must contain at least four hundred square miles of area and ten thousand white inhabitants. No change in county lines can be made that will reduce its area below four hundred square miles and its white inhabitants below ten thousand. *Art. 13, Sec. 1, Const.*

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER THE LAWS.

THE OATH OF OFFICE required for members of the Legislature shall be administered in the Senate by a Senator to the President and by him to the Senators; in the House a member shall administer the oath to the Speaker who shall administer the oath to the remaining members and to the officers of the House. *Art. 68, Sec. 3. P. G. L.*

WHENEVER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL MEET, it shall not be necessary for any officer of the preceding General Assembly to be present, except the Chief Clerk, Reading Clerk and Door-keepers of the House of Delegates and the Secretary and Door-keeper of the Senate, and in case of the death or inability to attend of either the Chief Clerk of the House of Delegates, or Secretary of the Senate, the Journal Clerk shall act in his place, and in case of the death or absence of the Door-keeper, his assistant shall act in his stead and they shall be paid five days' per diem and mileage, at the rate of ten cents per mile, for such attendance, and the payment of any other officers of a preceding General Assembly than those herein enumerated is hereby forbidden. *Acts 1884, Ch. 400, Sec. 1.*

THE COMPENSATION of members of the Legislature is five dollars per day under the constitution. The mileage allowed under *Act of 1868, Ch. 78*, (save in Garrett county which was created since,) is as follows: