

trict. Judge Eccleston died in 1860, and Brice John Goldsborough of Dorchester County was appointed in his place, to hold until the next election, and was later elected.

It was fortunate for Judge Bartol that the ten-year term on which he started in 1857 was to carry him through the vicissitudes of the Civil War. He was a careful, even-tempered man, with a good mind, and a broad comprehension of the law; and he was a satisfying judge. He had graduated at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, with honors, and was especially well trained in ancient languages and literature; and it is always remarked of him that throughout his later life he kept up his skill and reading in that domain to an unusual degree. The first seven years of his professional career he spent at Denton, Caroline County, and then he removed to Bel Air, Harford County, and later to Baltimore County and City. Early in his practice he had gained an unusual position among lawyers by his professional ability and careful judgment, and had come to be much used as an arbitrator. And when in 1851 Albert Constable, of Cecil County, who had been a busy practicing lawyer, had been elected judge of the sixth judicial circuit, including Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties, and it had become necessary to have a special judge sit in the many cases in which he had been employed as attorney, and so, was disqualified as a judge, the local bar united in a unanimous request that Bartol be made the special judge. And Governor Ligon, in 1857, appointed him to the Court of Appeals without any solicitation.