

City only 9,189 voted. Judge Ezekiel F. Chambers and Oliver Miller were elected delegates from their respective counties. The convention assembled at Annapolis on April 27, 1864.

However the passions of the war affected other portions of the discussion in the convention, that on the judiciary article can hardly be said to have suffered. On the contrary the judicial system appears to have been carefully and wisely studied.⁴ The fact that the Court of Appeals was behind in its work produced a general agreement on the addition of one to the number of judges of the court, making it five in all. There was still some difference of opinion on the method of choosing the judges, by executive appointment or by popular election; and there was some difference on geographical representation by the judges chosen by either method. Early in the course of the proceedings, William B. Bond, of Anne Arundel County, proposed that the court have five judges from five districts, to hold office during life, and each judge to sit at sessions of the circuit court in his district. Henry H. Goldsborough, of Talbot County, proposed that of the five judges two be elected from the Eastern Shore, and three from the Western Shore, one on each shore to be elected by vote of the whole state, and the remainder to be elected from three gubernatorial districts. He proposed that the terms of office be twenty years, and that the judges be required to reside eight months of each year at Annapolis. During this preliminary debate, Oliver

4. Debates of the Constitutional Convention of 1864, Annapolis, R. P. Bayly, 1864.