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At the October term, 1865, the rules of court were revised extensively, and many of those now in force were then adopted. Records and briefs were required to be furnished in a number sufficient for the use of counsel, reporter and court; and the briefs were to contain abstracts of the cases, with full and explicit statements of the points relied on, with the authorities sustaining them, accurately cited and distributed under their proper heads. And the regular time for argument was further reduced to two hours.

Judge Cochran died in 1866, at forty-six years of age, and the vacancy was filled by the appointment on March 19, 1867, of Peter Wood Crain, of Charles County, who had been an associate judge of his district from 1847 to 1851. Judge Goldsborough died on July 23, 1867, but the place he left vacant was not filled before the next reorganization of the court, under the constitution of that year.

During the fifties and sixties of the last century, with the rapid improvement of travel, the existence of any group which might be termed a special bar of the court, waned. Judge Mason, writing after 1870, said:⁸

Every day that passes, owing to the great travelling facilities for members of the bar to follow their cases to the Court of Appeals, renders less frequent those splendid combinations of professional talents in individual cases which was once so common in Maryland, even as late as the time of Mr. McMahon.

8. Life of McMahon, 102.