

one hundred and seventeen volumes, a table of cross-references to the contents of volumes first and second of said Index, so as to form a complete guide to both of said volumes, and an accurate digest of the decisions contained in volumes sixty-two to volumes seventy-six, inclusive, of the Maryland Reports, comprising fifteen volumes; provided further, that any three Judges of the Court of Appeals shall certify that in their opinion, the said second volume of said Index is well and faithfully executed, and deserves the patronage of the State; and provided further, that said two hundred and fifty copies shall be exchanged for similar publications in other States, and distributed as the State Reports are now distributed by law, retaining thirty-five copies for the use of the State Library; and provided, further, that the price of said second volume of said Index shall not exceed ten dollars per copy.

Which was read the first time, and referred to the Committee on Judicial Proceedings.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Wirt, from a majority of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings, on

Senate bill entitled an "Act to Increase the Salaries of the Judges of this State,"

Submitted the following

REPORT:

Report from a Majority of the Committee on Judicial Proceedings on Senate Bill, Printed, No. 97.

The Committee on Judicial Proceedings beg leave to report that they have examined the provisions of the Constitution relating to judicial salaries, and have come to the conclusion that the Legislature has the constitutional power to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, of the Circuit Courts, and of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city.

(1.) The 24th section, of Article 4, of the Constitution, provides that "The salary of each Chief Judge, and of the Judge of the Court of Appeals from the City of Baltimore, shall be \$3,500, and of each Associate Judge of the Circuit Court shall be \$2,800 per annum, payable quarterly, and *shall not be diminished* during his continuance in office."