

Chief Judges of the Circuits, the Judge of the Court of Appeals from Baltimore city, and the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city, because their cases are "specially provided" for in the Constitution with salaries beyond \$3,000, and so far as the pending bill is concerned, it could only affect the Associate Judges of the Circuits.

There can be no reason to suppose that the Constitution intended to discriminate against this class of the Judiciary in limiting the power of the General Assembly over their salaries, and not over the salaries of the other Judges.

Very respectfully yours,

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Committee.

I entirely agree with the views above expressed by the Committee on the Amendment of the Law.

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BALTIMORE, March 1st, 1892.

*Hon. James P. Gorter,*  
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MY DEAR SIR:—I beg respectfully to state to you in brief, the grounds on which I came to the conclusion that the Legislature has the Constitutional power to increase the salaries of the Judges of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, of the Judges of the Circuit Court and of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city.

1. Article 4, section 24, provides that the salary of each of the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be \$3,500, and of each Associate Judge of the Circuit Courts shall be \$2,800 per annum, and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office; and section 31 of the same Article, provides that each of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city shall receive an annual salary of \$3,000, which shall not be diminished during their term of office.