

1 This report contained a stinging dissent
2 by one of the, in my humble opinion, great judges of the
3 Court of Appeals, Judge Neal Parke. He dissented from
4 the major conclusions and recommendations of the Commis-
5 sion and in particular concerning the reduction in
6 number of the Court of Appeals.

7 Gentlemen, I mention this to you for this
8 reason. Looking at the membership of this Commission
9 and their descendents are here tonight, some of them,
10 it certainly was comprised of able, well intentioned
11 lawyers. But the recommendations, like many things in
12 life, have not seen the light of day. If you will read
13 this report, you can find it in the 1943 edition of the
14 transactions of the Maryland State Bar Association,
15 48th Annual Meeting, if you will read that concerning
16 the Orphans Court, I defy any fair minded man to come
17 to any conclusion other than the abolition of the Orphans
18 Courts of the State of Maryland was heartily recommended
19 by this Commission composed of goodlawyers and gentlemen
20 for a basic reason, and that is the condition of the
21 county courts with which I wasn't concerned until I read