

the States, whose Constitutions were framed in the earlier and less experienced times of our independence, no government in the world confers on their Judges life tenures of office. In Great Britain the Judges are made independent of the crown, but are removable by act of Parliament. The new and amended Constitutions of our sister States, it is believed, with scarcely an exception, prescribe limiting either of time or of age to the tenure of office of their Judges. The Attorney Generals are nearly all appointed for short periods, or are removable at pleasure.

NATH. WILLIAMS, of Baltimore City.

R. C. HOLLYDAY, of Cecil.

Which was read.

The bills accompanying said report are as follows:

A bill entitled, an act to limit the tenure of office of judges and of the chancellor, hereafter to be appointed;

A bill entitled, an act to lessen the number of judges in certain judicial districts, and

A bill entitled, an act to limit the tenure of office of the attorney general;

Which were severally read,

On motion of Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city,

Said reports were made the orders of the day for Thursday next the 13th inst.

Mr. Long, chairman of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, delivered the following

REPORT:

The committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice have had under consideration, the leave to bring in a bill to abolish special pleading in civil actions, and a majority of that committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient to report a bill to effect that object.

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDWARD LONG, Chairman.

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Williams, of Baltimore city, from the minority of said committee, submitted the following as a substitute for said report, accompanied with a bill, entitled, an act to abolish special pleading in civil actions:

The undersigned, a minority of the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to which committee leave was given to bring in a bill entitled, "an act to abolish special pleading in civil actions," begs leave to state that he deems it highly expedient that such an act should pass, and he reports the accompanying bill. Its provisions correspond with those which have been enacted in other States of the Union, and have been in force there for many years. The adoption of such a law in this State will tend to the promotion of economy in time and costs, introduce simplicity and certainty into the practice of the law, rid it of time worn and useless forms and subtleties, and advance the ends of justice.