

## MINORITY REPORT.

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The undersigned, one of the Select Committee on part of the Senate, to whom was referred the Memorial of sundry citizens of Baltimore city, for the removal of the Hon. Henry Stump, Judge of the Criminal Court of that city, does not concur in all the views presented by the majority of the Committee, and therefore submits the following as a minority report :

The 30th Article of the Declaration of Rights declares :

“That the independency and uprightness of Judges are essential to the impartial administration of justice, and a great security to the rights and liberties of the people ; *wherefore*, the Judges shall not be removed, except for misbehavior, on conviction in a court of law, or by the Governor, upon the Address of the General Assembly ; *provided*, that two-thirds of all the members of each House concur in such Address.”

The 9th section of the 4th Article of the Constitution declares :

“The Judges of the several Judicial Circuits shall be citizens of the United States, and shall have resided five years in this State, and two years in the Judicial Circuit for which they may be respectively elected, next before the time of their election, and shall reside therein while they continue to act as judges ; they shall be taken from among those who, having the other qualifications herein prescribed, are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal knowledge, and shall be elected by the qualified voters of the said circuits, and shall hold their office for the term of ten years, removable for misbehavior, on conviction in a court of law, or by the Governor, upon the Address of the General Assembly, provided that two-thirds of the members of each House shall concur in such Address.”

The 13th section of the same Article, relating to the Criminal Court of Baltimore city, says that said Court shall “consist of one judge, who shall also be elected by the legal and qualified