

Mr. WRIGHT presented a petition of sundry citizens of the State, praying that provision be made in the new Constitution, that the privilege to sell intoxicating liquors in small quantities shall not be granted to any person in any part of the State or city, except the same shall first be sanctioned or approved by a majority of the voters in the county, election district or ward where the same is to be sold;

Which was read, and

Referred to the select committee already appointed on that subject.

Mr. HICKS gave notice that on to-morrow he should move to reconsider the vote of the Convention on the resolution adopted in relation to dispensing with the services of certain committee clerks.

Mr. CRISFIELD, from the minority of the committee on the Judiciary, submitted following

REPORT:

SEC. 1. There shall be a Court of Appeals, which shall have, use and exercise all and every the powers, authorities and jurisdictions of the existing Court of Appeals, and such additional power, authority and jurisdiction as may be conferred by this Constitution, and laws made pursuant thereto; and its judgments shall be final and conclusive in all cases whatever.

Sec. 2. The Court of Appeals shall hold its session at the seat of Government, at least twice in every year, or oftener, if required by law; no judgment of reversal shall be rendered, except with the concurrence of at least three of the judges thereof; and in every case decided, an opinion in writing shall be filed, and provision shall be made by law, for publishing reports of cases argued and determined in the said court.

Sec. 3. The Judges of the present Court of Appeals, shall be Judges of the Court of Appeals hereby established; and shall hold their offices during good behaviour, and subject to removal as now provided; and they shall have and be entitled to receive, at stated periods, the salaries hereinafter provided, which shall not be diminished, during their continuance in office; and from and after the period, when the number of said Judges shall be reduced to four, by death, resignation or removal, the Court of Appeals shall be composed of one chief judge, who shall be styled chief justice of the State of Maryland, and three associate judges.

Sec. 4. The Judges of the Court of Appeals to be appointed in pursuance hereof, shall be citizens of the United States, and shall have resided in this State at least five years next before the time of their respective appointments, and shall continue to reside herein, while they act as Judges; they shall be selected from among those who are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal knowledge, and appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and shall hold their offices during good behavior, removable for misbehavior, on conviction in a court of law, or shall be removed by the Governor, upon the address of the General Assembly; provided, that two-thirds of the

members of each House concur in such address; and shall each, at stated times, receive for their services a salary of twenty-two hundred dollars per annum, which shall not be diminished during the time of their continuance in office.

Sec. 5. There shall be a clerk of the Court of Appeals, and he shall be appointed by the judges of the said court; he shall be a citizen of the United States and shall have resided in this State at least five years next before the time of his appointment; and shall hold his office for the term of seven years, and until his successor shall be appointed and qualify, and he shall qualify in the manner, perform the duties, and be entitled to the fees of the clerks of the said court on the Eastern and Western Shores, until otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 6. This State shall be divided into eight judicial districts, in manner and form following, to wit: St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's counties, shall be the first district; Anne Arundel, Howard, Calvert and Montgomery counties, shall be the second district; Frederick and Carroll counties, shall be the third district; Washington and Allegany counties shall be the fourth district; Baltimore city shall be the fifth district; Baltimore, Harford and Cecil counties, shall be the sixth district; Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline counties, shall be the seventh district; and Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties shall be the eighth district; and there shall be appointed as hereinafter directed, one person, having the qualifications hereinafter prescribed, for each of the said judicial districts, except the fifth, to be judge thereof; the said judges shall be styled district judges, and shall respectively hold a term of their courts at least twice in each year or oftener, if required by law, in each county, composing their respective districts; and the said courts shall be called district courts for county in which it may be held; and shall have, hold and exercise, in the several counties of this State, all and every, the powers, authorities and jurisdictions which the county courts of this State now have, hold and exercise, or which shall hereafter be prescribed by laws made pursuant to this constitution; and the said judges in their respective districts, shall have, use and exercise all the powers, authorities and jurisdiction which the Chancellor of Maryland, as a judge in equity now has, uses and exercises, and the said Judges shall also be judges of the Orphans' courts of the several counties, composing their respective districts and shall have, hold and exercise, all and every, the powers, authorities and jurisdiction which the Orphans' courts of this State now have, hold and exercise, or which hereafter may be conferred by law.

Sec. 7. There shall be appointed as hereinafter provided, four persons having the requisite qualifications, for the fifth judicial district, to be Judges thereof; who may sit jointly or separately as the exigencies of business may require; and the said judges shall be styled district judges, and shall hold a term of their court at least twice in each year, and oftener if required by law; and the said court shall be called the district court for the city of Baltimore, and shall have, hold