

in commission, as estimated by the committee on Judiciary, -	\$98,100 00
3rd. Of the cost of the system reported by the said committee, as estimated by themselves, - -	61,000 00
Add for one Judge for Howard county, now established, - -	2,000 00
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	\$63,000 00

The system now submitted proposes to do the same work for a sum, scarcely more than half the cost of the system reported by the committee, and a fraction only above one-third of what the committee estimate to be the cost of the present system; and it is submitted with a far greater probability of having it well and promptly done.

But this illusion to the estimated cost of the present system, must not be understood as an admission of the correctness of the committee's estimate; on the contrary, that estimate, is believed to be extravagant and far above the actual cost. The committee best understand the cost of their own scheme, and therefore their estimate of its cost \$61,000, is assumed to be correct.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. CRISFIELD,

Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BOWIE gave notice that on to-morrow he should move to take up the amendment moved by Mr. CHAMBERS, of Kent, to the rules, and the substitute moved by him for said amendment.

Mr. SCHLEY inquired if there was any business before the Convention?

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, replied that there was no business before the Convention.

Mr. GWINN moved that the Convention proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee on the elective franchise.

Mr. SCHLEY moved to take up, for consideration, the report of the committee on the Attorney General and his deputies.

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, stated that the Chair, in reply to an inquiry from the gentleman from Washington county, had said that there was no subject before the Convention. The report of the executive committee had not yet been disposed of, and was therefore the first business in order, unless postponed to some future day.

Mr. McLANE said, that as the chairman of that committee was absent, he would move that the further consideration of this subject be postponed until his return.

Mr. SCHLEY said that his only object for submitting his motion was, that the Convention might have something to do. If the report of the executive committee was the order of the day, he did not wish to interfere.

The question was then taken on the motion of Mr. McLANE that the further consideration of the report of the committee on the executive be postponed,

And it was agreed to.

So the further consideration of the report was postponed.

The question then recurred on the motion of Mr. SCHLEY, that the Convention proceed to the consideration of the report of the committee on the Attorney General and his deputies,

And being put, it was decided in the affirmative.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND HIS DEPUTIES.

The Convention accordingly proceeded to the consideration of said report,

Which was read.

The bill was then considered by sections;

When the first section was read, as follows:

Sec. 1. The Governor shall have power to employ counsel for the State, when, in his judgment, the public interest require it, and make suitable compensation from the contingent fund placed at his disposal.

Mr. DORSEY remarked that he had had no opportunity, before this morning, of reading the bill under consideration. He objected to this section, as placing in the power of the Governor the authority to make suitable compensation, out of the contingent fund, to such persons as might be employed in legal causes concerning the State, and thought that such compensation should be allowed by the Legislature for such services rendered the State. He would reduce to writing an amendment of this nature.

Mr. SCHRIVER said, that if he had been correctly informed, claims for legal services had never been paid out of the contingent fund, but direct from the treasury. Under resolutions emanating from the Legislature, the Governor, from time to time, had been directed to make such compensation as he might think proper, to persons employed in legal causes by the State, and to draw upon the treasury for the amount of such compensation.

Mr. DORSEY stated that he was very unwilling to consume the time of the Convention, by questions of this character, and he would therefore, refrain from submitting his amendment.

Mr. CRISFIELD enquired if the question was on the adoption of the first section?

The PRESIDENT, *pro tem.*, replied in the affirmative.

Mr. CRISFIELD said:

That he thought there should be an Attorney General, but he would not have him appointed as he now is; but would have him appointed for a term to continue as long as as the Governor's term. If a Governor should be elected for four years, he would allow the Attorney General's term, to continue for the same length of time. He would have the Attorney General to be an officer of the State Government, whose duty it should be to advise every part of the government, and the State's Attorneys in the different counties, and should receive a salary. He would not let him hold office during good behavior, and would only allow him to appoint prosecuting attorney's in the different counties. He would make him an officer whose duty it should be to give legal advice to the Governor—perhaps to act for the Government in the higher courts, and would strip him of the patronage now exercised under law.