

then refers to the change in the representation of the counties made by said convention law, and alleges said change of representation to be in violation of the existing Constitution.

It further alleges that the said pretended law, (the convention act,) as amended, prescribes and pretends to regulate, as by law, a time and manner of holding a dual election, at which a vote is to be taken on the call of a convention, and also for delegates to said convention, is inconsistent with the 54th section of article 3d of the Constitution, prescribing the power of the General Assembly to pass laws in relation to time and manner, &c., of holding elections in this State.

It further charges that the aforesaid pretended law and amendments, under color of which the sheriff and the police commissioners have undertaken to act as aforesaid, is in utter subversion of the Constitution and laws of this State. That is to say, that the same were passed and enacted by divers wicked and disloyal men, &c., who by cloaking their evil and illegal designs under the forms and ensigns of law, sought to sow dissension among the good people of this State; to alienate their hearts from the constitution by law established, and to break down and subvert the same, and to incite disloyal persons, and especially the Sheriff and Police Commissioners aforesaid, to revolutionary, unlawful and treasonable acts against the Constitution and laws of this State. Further, that the people of this State are exposed to great damage from the undertakings of said Sheriff and Commissioners, under said pretended laws. That your orators by said undertakings will be manifestly prejudiced in their rights, franchises and just influence as citizens in the conduct of public affairs, for as much as they cannot, as at present advised, procure any person or persons to act as delegates to such convention without violating their oaths of allegiance hereinafter mentioned, and without exposing themselves to the risk of criminal prosecution for seditious conduct.

And further, that said law, &c., concludes and assumes to bind all citizens who do not participate in the said election by the acts of those who do.

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