

INJUNCTION PROCEEDINGS AGAINST VOTE ON CONVENTION

It is not generally known that the opponents of the call for a Constitutional Convention in 1867, despairing of victory at the polls, filed proceedings in Baltimore City in the hope of preventing the election on the question of holding a convention. The vote was scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 1867. The suit was filed in the Superior Court (Judge Martin) on Saturday, March 30, 1867, against the Sheriff and Police Commissioners.

The Sun gave the following account of the suit:

The bill was filed by Alexander M. Rogers, Benjamin Deford, John Clark, Wm. Kennedy and Johns Hopkins, residents of Baltimore, duly qualified voters under the Constitution and laws of this State, at all elections, and taxpayers to the fisc of this State, two or more of whom have taken the oath of allegiance to support the Constitution of this State, &c. Said application represents that a certain pretended law has been filed in the Court of Appeals, on the 21st and 22d of March, 1867, &c., providing among other things for the holding of a certain general election in this State, whereat "the citizens of the State shall vote for and against the call of a convention to frame a new constitution and form of government for this State" &c. [The convention act is here set forth.]

And that there has also been filed in the office of said Court of Appeals a certain other pretended law, by way of amendment to the pretended law aforegoing, which other and amendatory law is as follows: [Here the law is not set forth.]

The bill then recites the advertisement of Wm. Thomson, sheriff of Baltimore City, giving notice of an election to be held on Wednesday, April 10th next. And that Lefevre Jarrett, Jas. E. Carr and Wm. H. B. Fusselbaugh, being Commissioners of the Board of Police of Baltimore City, have, under color of their said office, &c., undertaken and combined, conspired, confederated and agreed togeth-