

to those of District Justices.

An early reply is respectfully solicited, as it is a matter of great public interest.

Very Respectfully, Your obt. Servt.

Thos. H. O'Neal
Secy of State.

Baltimore June 23^d 1857

From Dear Sir,

Atty. Gen^l

Brent, the Constitution, and give you the following results as my
in reply Opinion.

1st By article 10 Sec: 8. All persons acting qua justices of
the the Place will hold over until superseded pursuant to the
apprising terms of the Constitution, that is, by the qualification of justices
elected by the people according to law.

2^d I see nothing in the Constitution that bears on the
question of the continued existence of the District Courts
established for the several election Districts, unless it be
article 4 Sec: 19 and article 10 Sec: 8 and the 3^d article
of the bill of Rights. I therefore think that the acts of
Assembly establishing such Courts will continue in force
until repealed according to the 3^d article of the bill
of Rights. I believe that your enquiries are covered
by the above answers.

Yours Very Respectfully

Hon: Thomas H. O'Neal
Secretary of State
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Robert J. Brent.