

accept a station so much less profitable, from the assurance that the situation would be a permanent one.

The committee were further directed by one of the orders, to enquire into the expediency of amending the law so as to provide "for the appointment of one commissioner of insolvent debtors of the city and county of Baltimore, to whom there shall be allowed a salary of \$1,200."

From the information obtained by the committee, they are not prepared to recommend such an alteration of the law. From the vast number of applications for the benefit of the insolvent laws, in the city and county of Baltimore, it would be almost an impossible task for one man to discharge the duties now imposed upon the three insolvent commissioners. Besides, to adopt the suggestion made by the order, would be to subject unfortunate applicants, in many cases, to unnecessary hardship. By the absence of the commissioner the poor debtor would often be consigned to the endurance of, at least, a temporary imprisonment. The committee think that few individuals would be found equal to a task of such unremitting labor; and they are confident that no one competent to discharge the duties of the office, would be willing to accept it for the salary proposed by the order.

In conclusion, the committee express their regret that longer time and fuller opportunities were not allowed them, to investigate subjects of such deep importance. The expediency of a change in the judiciary system of the State, and the proper mode of such reform, are questions not to be decided from the crude suggestions of an hour's deliberation. They should command the long, anxious and labor-ed investigation of those called upon to determine them.

The committee have given the subject such investigation as their opportunities would permit; and beg leave to report for the consideration of the Legislature the following bill.

COLEMAN YELLOTT,  
Chairman.

### BILL:

An act to alter the Constitution and form of government of this State, so far as relates to the County Courts, and the High Court of Chancery.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That this State shall be divided into six judicial districts, in manner and form following, to wit: St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's, Calvert and Montgomery counties, shall be the first district; Anne Arundel county, Howard district of Anne Arundel county, Carroll and Baltimore counties, shall be the second district; Baltimore city, shall be the third district; Allegany, Washington and Frederick counties, shall be the fourth district; Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties, shall be the fifth district; Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, shall be the sixth district; and there shall be appointed