

The order was then adopted.

Mr. Roman, from the committee respecting appointments and tenure of office, made a report providing for the election of county commissioners, and surveyor for the counties and city of Baltimore in November of each year; also authorizing the appointment of a State librarian by the Governor at \$1,500 per annum; also the Governor to appoint a commissioner of the land office at \$2,000 per annum, who shall likewise be the historiographer of the State.

Mr. Lee, from the militia committee, presented a report authorizing the Legislature to make provision for arming and equipping the militia, not to interfere with the laws of the United States, and authorizing the appointment by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, of an adjutant general, with pay and salary now prescribed. The existing militia law of the State shall expire at the end of the next session of the General Assembly, except so far as it may be re-enacted.

On motion of Mr. Rider, the Convention resolved itself into the committee of the whole, Mr. Dent, of St. Mary's, in the chair.

The report of the committee on the judiciary was then taken up, section 20 being under consideration, and the pending question being on the motion of Mr. Archer to strike out the entire section.

Mr. Syester took the floor in support of the three-judge system, and said that on this point he represented the views of the entire section of the State from which he came. He contended that the benefits to be derived from this system were of such a nature as that it would never be rejected by an intelligent people on account of the little additional expense. It held out equal inducements to the rich and the poor, to the guilty and the innocent, and the additional expense, even if \$40,000, would be considered cheap, indeed, by the people for the purchase of equal justice.

Mr. Keating said in all his experience his clients had never asked him what would be the cost of an opinion beforehand. The people went to those whom they thought best acquainted with the law, and said nothing about the