

The Convention, by 64 affirmatives, decided to open the report to the amendment of Mr. Alvey.

The amendment of Mr. Alvey, placing the salaries of the chief justices at \$3,500, and of the associate justices at \$2,800, was adopted.

Mr. Bradley asked to open the 44th section to an amendment to provide that the sheriffs shall continue in office four years. Mr. Bradley said two years were not long enough for the sheriffs in the small counties, he had some experience in the matter, having served as sheriff, but under the old constitution. A sheriff in the small counties could make nothing the first year, and then, as soon as he began to understand his duties, his term expired.

The Convention refused to entertain the amendment.

Mr. Gill asked to open section 9 to an amendment, providing that the judges throughout the State shall, from time to time, investigate the expenses, costs and charges of their respective courts with a view to a change or reduction thereof, and report the result of such investigation to the General Assembly for its action, which was agreed to, and the amendment, after some discussion, was adopted.

Mr. Wickes moved to postpone the further consideration of the judiciary report, and to take up the article relating to the formation of Wicomico county, which was agreed to.

The article relating to Wicomico county was then read.

Mr. Jones asked to open the article to an amendment providing that the apportionment of the debt of the new county should be based upon the last assessment and determined by the judges of the circuit courts of Worcester and Somerset counties, which was agreed to, and the amendment adopted.

Mr. Rider asked to open the article to an amendment providing that if the county of Wicomico is formed it shall be placed in the first judicial circuit, and the times of holding the courts therein shall be prescribed by the General Assembly, which was agreed to, and the amendment adopted.