

tions and conditions as the General Assembly may prescribe, to sell the State's interest in the other works of internal improvement, whether as a stockholder or a creditor, and also the State's interest in any banking corporation, receiving in payment the bonds and registered debt now owing by the State, equal in amount to the price obtained for the State's said interest; provided that the interest of the State in the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad be reserved and excepted from sale; and provided further, that no sale or contract of sale of the State's interest in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, and the Susquehanna and Tidewater Canal Companies shall go into effect until the same shall be ratified by the ensuing General Assembly.

Mr. Ritchie, from the minority of the committee on the judiciary, made a report, which is in substance as follows:

It refers only to the courts of Baltimore city. It re-**reap**portions the present jurisdiction, viz: Takes equity jurisdiction from the Superior Court and makes the Circuit Court exclusive in chancery; it relieves the Common Pleas of appeals from justices, and adds cases of replevin; takes appeals from magistrates and Saturday cases from the Criminal Court and reorganizes the City Court, giving it appellate jurisdiction in all magistrate cases and cases from commissioners for opening streets and the minor criminal offenses. It constitutes the Supreme Bench out of the judges of all the courts except the Circuit, and empowers it to hear and determine motions for new trial and in arrest of judgment from the other courts, and such other jurisdiction as may hereafter be provided for. Provision is also made empowering the different judges to act in each other's stead in case of absence, disability, &c., and requiring them all to co-operate and assist each other in clearing the overburdened dockets of their respective courts, and in the general discharge of business, thus making the whole judicial force available for the dispatch of the aggregate business of the city. It is also provided that important criminal and civil cases may be tried before a bench of more than one judge. The Orphans' Court remains the same as now, except that an election is provided for in November. The judges receive a salary of