

ject was properly within the province of the Legislature, which could act according to the particular necessities of each county, and he thought with the gentleman from Washington county, that it was better to leave the matter to that body. He did not, however, think the reasons of his friend from Howard (Mr. Mackubin) were good. Jury cases were always tried first.

Mr. Mackubin did not propose to interfere with the terms as at present regulated, but only to provide for those two additional terms. It would not limit the powers of courts of equity, as feared by his friend from St. Mary's, (Mr. Ford.) It would not interfere with the terms as now held in any of the counties, according to the public local law. It simply provides for these two intermediate terms for the disposition of all cases not requiring the interposition of a jury. He was informed that this practice now prevailed in some of the counties, to the great satisfaction of all concerned, and he could see no harm, but infinite advantage to result from it.

Mr. Brent said the only objection that he saw to the amendment was that it made it compulsory on the judge to hold four terms during the year. In the circuit in which he (Mr. B.) practiced it was the custom for the judge to hold these terms, without juries, at such times as it was necessary and convenient, but he submitted that the amendment making it compulsory would impose so much labor on the judge that it would be impracticable.

Mr. Hayden had at first been in favor of the amendment, but on consideration he thought it best that it should not be adopted.

The amendment was then disagreed to.

Mr. Alvey then offered his amendment, as given above, to be inserted as section 21. After a brief discussion the amendment was adopted and will stand as section 21.

Section 21, now section 22, was read and passed over without amendment.

Section 22, now 23, was read as follows:

“The salary of each chief judge shall be five thousand dollars, and of each associate judge of the Circuit Court shall be three thousand and five hundred dollars per an-