

Mr. Nicolai moved to reconsider the vote, placing the salaries of the chief justices at \$3,750.

Mr. Barry trusted that this Convention would not strike down the measure of damages which they had awarded to the chief judges. It would be a most unwise act. He appealed to them not to lower the standard of the bench by reducing the salaries. It was impossible to get men of talent to take these positions otherwise. Do not strike down the men who are to occupy these places. They could not have men who would dignify the bench if they did not give them liberal salaries.

Mr. Nicolai said a stranger coming in here would think that the chief object in calling this Convention was to enact high salaries for the lawyers. It cost as much to feed and clothe other men as it did lawyers. The Comptroller and the Treasurer only got \$2,500 per annum, and it was to be supposed that they were as much gentlemen as members of the legal profession. He saw no reason why, with proper economy, a lawyer could not live on the same salary as the other officers of the State.

Mr. Watkins, of Montgomery, said they were not sent here to increase salaries, but rather to lower them, to do away with the wrongs inflicted upon them by their radical friends in the State and foreign enemies. He hoped the Convention would pause before putting up these salaries to such an extraordinary figure.

The motion to reconsider was lost by a vote of 44 yeas to 51 nays.

Mr. Nicolai then moved to strike out the entire section, which was disagreed to.

No further amendments being proposed, section 25, relative to the clerks of the Circuit Courts, was read.

Mr. Rider then moved to take up the report of the committee to provide for the formation of a new county, to be composed of parts of Somerset and Worcester.

The question being on the amendment of Mr. McKaig, consolidating the counties of Somerset and Worcester into one county, to be called Wicomico, Mr. McKaig with-