

of Common Pleas may be requisite in order to insure to the citizens that prompt administration of justice, which sound policy and the Constitution demand, may be a question of greater difficulty. If the members of this Bench should be increased in number so as to furnish one Judge to each county, perhaps the object in view might be satisfactorily secured. Nor would such an arrangement be necessarily attended with much increase of expense, as the salaries might be graduated, according to the labors required in the several counties.

In connexion with a reform of the Judiciary system in the particulars that have been named it may be proper to suggest for your consideration the subject of instituting a further constitutional limitation of the Judicial tenure. I am well aware of the reverence that the citizens of every government have been instructed to cherish towards their Judiciary, and of the necessity of securing to its members in the discharge of their duties the highest degree of independence, not inconsistent with the requisite guaranties for the rights and safety of the citizen. I am nevertheless at loss to comprehend the consistency of those parts of the Constitution of the State which rely upon a constant responsibility to the people of one class of their public officers in order to secure the highest degree of integrity, with other parts of the Constitution, which are founded upon the apparently opposite principle of placing the judicial officers above all direct accountability, as the sure guarantee not only of integrity of purpose, but of that industry in the investigation of cases and applica-
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