

Supposing nine thousand, the present population of Caroline and Calvert counties each, as requisite for one delegate, this would give sixty-five delegates in the House, and the proportion of the respective counties and Baltimore city would be as follows—allowing an additional one for the larger fraction of that number :

Allegany county would have	3
Anne Arundel	4
Baltimore city	18
Baltimore county	5
Carroll	2
Caroline	1
Calvert	1
Cecil	2
Charles	2
Dorchester	2
Frederick	4
Harford	2
Kent	1
Montgomery	2
Prince George's	2
Queen Anne	2
St. Mary's	2
Somerset	2
Talbot	2
Washington	3
Worcester	2

This would give to the House of Delegates, in the proportion stated, sixty-four members—the aggregate, less fractions, giving one more, in the whole making sixty-five.

This would be seventeen less than we now have and would still leave enough, in all conscience, for the legislation of the State. And while on this view of the subject, I will refer gentlemen to the Constitution of the State of New York, where, with a population of 3,100,000, their House of Delegates is composed of 128 members, which is one for every 24,000 only; surely our people cannot be so much worse than theirs, or our internal system of police so much more complicated, as to require nearly three times the amount of legislation.

But I am through with that system of apportionment, and as I propose to take up the the various plans, that have been proposed, *seriatim*, and let gentlemen see how the application of their theories would work, in the future organization of the Legislature, I will now demonstrate the operations of that plan, wherein, it is proposed, to give representation on population in the counties alone.

I find, by adding to the numbers of the counties, the additional number of Baltimore county, for the city of Baltimore, which would give that city a representation equal to the largest county the aggregate would be 452,594. And to obtain the number of 65 members of the House, would require one for ever 6963 souls; but as this approximates 7000 so nearly, we will say one mem-

ber for that number—allowing another, for the larger moiety. How should we then stand?

	Gain.	Number.	Loss.
Allegany		3	1
Anne Arundel		5	
Baltimore city	1	6	
Baltimore county	1	6	
Carroll		3	1
Caroline		1	2
Calvert		1	2
Cecil		3	1
Charles		2	1
Dorchester		3	1
Frederick	1	6	
Harford		3	1
Kent		2	1
Montgomery		2	2
Prince George's		3	1
Queen Anne		2	1
St. Mary's		2	1
Somerset		3	1
Talbot		2	1
Washington		4	1
Worcester		3	1

This would make up the exact number of sixty-five delegates in the House, showing also the loss and gain, as well as the then number for each county.

I have shown the result of two systems of representation, and will now notice the third and last, which is to be a *generous compromise*. But before I anticipate the working of that system, I cannot avoid entertaining some curious reflections as to what is to be compromised.

If it is a principle we are contending for essential to the political liberties of any portion of the state, I imagine we shall have few, in this body, willing to compromise on such an issue. Principle is the cardinal landmark—the brilliant beacon, that stands out in bold relief, to guide our deliberations, point our aims and crown our efforts in the end; and, unless that is consulted, perpetuated, interwoven and finally sealed upon that instrument, to emanate from our hands, no other or all other means and appliances could, or ought to commend it to the people of this State.

Who are to be the parties to this compromise? for there must necessarily be two parties to all compromises, and there is generally, a *quid pro quo*, consideration. Is there not a bare possibility—a remote contingency, that other considerations, besides the rights, and the will, of the dear people, may influence our action here? I impugn the motives of no gentleman, but I mean to be honest. Sir, there seems to be a foregone conclusion, in the minds of some gentlemen here, that on this question of representation, the counties must concede; concede to numbers in toto, or what is the same in principle, yield to a *generous compromise*. To such gentlemen, I com-