

1 operated, there has been a bicameral General Assembly
2 of various sizes and various compositions, and throughout
3 practically the entire colonial period of the State of
4 Maryland, with the exception of a few years, the exper-
5 ience of this State was to operate both with an upper house
6 and a lower house.

7 I think our Committee perhaps was somewhat
8 amused, but nonetheless impressed by the colloquy which
9 is said to have occurred between Thomas Jefferson and
10 George Washington with respect to a bicameral General
11 Assembly. Jefferson, we are told, was chiding Washington
12 at the breakfast table as to why Washington had voted for
13 a two-house General Assembly, to which Washington replied
14 to Jefferson, "Why, sir, do you pour the tea from your cup
15 into your saucer?"

16 "To cool it," replied Jefferson.

17 "Exactly," replied Washington. Therefore,
18 I think, if you will allow me a colloquialism, one of the
19 purposes of the bicameral General Assembly is to cool
20 it a bit, to see to it that so-called hasty and ill-con-
21 ceived legislation is not too swiftly passed before the