

1 which made us arrive at the figure of 29, but, regardless
2 of the number of inhabitants of each county, which exceeded
3 55,000, one county received no more than six Delegates
4 in the aggregate, so that in effect, built in the State
5 Constitution, was the machinery to determine the ultimate
6 number in any event, ~~and~~ and although it is quite true that
7 in 1950 the figure was frozen at 123, because so many
8 of the large counties had so far passed the 55,000 mark, and
9 they did not want to allow the gradations from two to six,
10 which were allowable to the smaller counties as they were
11 growing to further provide malapportionment within the
12 General Assembly, that nevertheless had the ultimate happened,
13 that the 29 subdivisions of the state would have never been
14 entitled to more than six apiece, so that you would have
15 had 174 members of the House of Delegates, had each and
16 every 23 counties and six Districts of Baltimore City
17 exceeded the 55,000 figure.

18 That was never allowed to happen, but as I say,
19 it had built in the machinery to provide a maximum
20 number.

21 I address myself to this Constitutional