

1 have existed in this State in the past.,

2 At the same time, ladies and gentlemen of the
3 Convention, they say to us, that this legislature, with
4 these greatly increased powers, should be deprived of that
5 power most crucial to its own welfare, and that is the
6 power to decide its own size.

7 I have been led to believe, Mr. Chairman, that
8 men entitled to command must first learn to command them-
9 selves, and unless the legislature is able to command it-
10 self, unless it can be sufficiently mature and responsible
11 to decide its own size, I suggest to you, sir, that per-
12 haps there may be other serious restrictions that need
13 to be imposed on it.

14 It seems to me illogical, therefore, to say on
15 the one hand, it should have the power to do what needs
16 to be done for Maryland, except it should not have the
17 power to decide its own size.

18 I suppose the only logical reason why that
19 argument is advanced, certainly there is no other reason
20 in the report, except some kind of an inherent feeling
21 that the legislature in determining its size will not be