

1 we eliminate an elective office.

2 Reference was made to this on the Floor of the
3 Convention in its debates this afternoon. The question,
4 I think, was quite properly posed, if we are here diminish-
5 ing it, would we augment democracy by adding additional
6 elective offices? Would it perhaps be wise to have a
7 director of the Sales Tax Division an elected official,
8 thus providing an additional elected official, and in
9 addition providing a check and balance within the
10 Comptroller's office, so that we would thus accomplish
11 two things.

12 It seems to me that the making of the argument
13 answers itself.

14 The truth of the matter is, democracy is in
15 essence the control by the people of their government. That
16 structure which best permits the people to exercise their
17 will, is that government which is most effective, most
18 democratic, and most what the people of Maryland are wait-
19 ing for.

20 If we construct a multi-headed executive, a
21 troika, we will in essence have defeated the purpose for