

county to be different from every other county, and thus attract capital, by legislative favor, to one part of the State to the injury of all the other sections.

I cannot resist the conclusion, that this provision fixing the rate of interest at seven per cent. is in violation of the spirit, if not the letter of the Constitution. For these reasons, I am compelled to return this bill without my approval, that such action may be taken, as required by the Constitution in such cases.

WM. PINKNEY WHYTE,  
Governor.

Which was read, and

The Senate proceeded, as the Constitution provides, to reconsider the bill, entitled an Act directing the County Commissioners of Washington county, to issue bonds to build a Court House in said county, and appointing Commissioners to contract to erect the same, returned by the Governor to the Senate with his objections.

Which bill is in the following words, to-wit :

#### AN ACT

*Directing the County Commissioners of Washington County to issue Bonds to raise money to build a Court House in said County, and appointing Commissioners to contract to erect the same.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the County Commissioners of Washington county be, and they are hereby, required to issue bonds in denominations of not less than five hundred, and not more than one thousand dollars, to be signed by the President of said Board of County Commissioners, and attested by the Clerk of said Board, made payable to bearer for a sum not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, bearing interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of January, and the first day of July, of each year, for which interest proper coupons are to be attached to said bonds, signed by the President of said County Commissioners.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That said bonds shall be issued so that an instalment of five thousand dollars of the principal sum thereof shall become due and payable on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and a like sum or instalment of five thousand dollars of said bonds, each and every successive first day of July thereafter, until all of said bonds so issued shall have been paid as required, and that said bonds shall be ready for sale by the first day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and shall be sold by said county