

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, Feb'y 17th, 1874.

*To the Senate:*

I return, without my signature, Senate bill No. 35, entitled "An Act relating to Auctioneers in Baltimore county."

This bill is objectionable for the following reasons:

1st. It is repugnant to the general policy of the State in regard to the regulation of sales by auction.

There are but two counties, I believe, (Alleghany and Cecil,) in which such local legislation has been permitted, and in both counties, the law only operates in towns and in a circuit of one mile around any town, and is restricted in its application to persons, who shall bring into said counties, from abroad any goods, wares and merchandize to sell at auction within the prescribed limits, and to persons, who shall sell at auction, goods, &c., sent from abroad to be sold on commission.

2nd. It is the policy of the State, that money derived from the issue of licenses, should be paid into the State Treasury, while the money derived from licenses under this bill, is to be paid to the Treasurer of Baltimore county.

3rd. The bill itself does not require the license to issue annually, but apparently the Auctioneers is to take out a license, wherever he "shall sell property of any description, which shall exceed in value the sum of one hundred dollars."

4th. The bill does not provide, whether the fines shall be recovered in the name of the State or of the county, nor what shall be done with them when collected.

WM. PINKNEY WHYTE.

The Senate proceeded, as the Constitution provides, to reconsider the said bill returned by the Governor to the Senate with his objections.

Which bill is in the following words, to wit:

An Act relating to Auctioneers in Baltimore County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That no person shall sell, as auctioneer, property of any description, which shall exceed in value the sum of one hundred dollars, without having first obtained a license from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore county, as auctioneer.

SECTION 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person applying for a license, shall pay for the same the sum of fifty dollars, which sum of fifty dollars shall be paid over by the said Clerk to the Treasurer of Baltimore county.

SECTION 3. *And be it enacted,* That any person violating the