

of "Collectors," enacted January Session, 1868, chapter 330, and sections 47 and 48 of Article XVI., enacted at January Session, 1872, chapter 294.

The reasons which actuate us in protesting against the passage of the bill above referred to, are, chiefly, the following: Because said bill is obnoxious to the people of our county, being special legislation, and having for its sole object the retention of the present incumbent in office.

That this will more fully appear, we beg leave to call the attention of your Honorable Body to the history of the law creating a County Treasurer for Prince George's county. The law was first passed in 1868, creating that office, and fixing the compensation of the Treasurer at one thousand (\$1,000,) dollars, and giving the power of appointment and removal for cause to the County Commissioners. Act 1868, chapter 330, section 47. It was well known that the then Board of County Commissioners were favorable to Mr. Jarboe, the present Treasurer, and consequently, the law was passed, and he was appointed under the aforesaid Act of 1868.

The law of 1868 did not suit certain interested parties, and in 1870, chapter 216, the law was amended so as to abolish or repeal Collectors of County Taxes, and made the Treasurer the Collector of the same, and creating one Collector of State Taxes for the county. The Treasurer was allowed, under the Act of 1870, (three and one-half)  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per centum commission on the amount of County Taxes received and collected by him.

In 1872, the people of the county had elected County Commissioners who were supposed to be unfavorable to the retention of Mr. Jarboe in office, consequently the law was again amended in 1872, chapter 294, and the County Treasurer made Collector of both State and County Taxes, with a compensation of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per centum on the entire amount of taxes received by him for collection, and William A. Jarboe was declared by said law, section 47, to be the Treasurer of Prince George's county for three years from the passage of the Act— Act approved April 1st, 1872. Thus you will perceive by the Act of 1872, the very Court which had been designated as the proper tribunal to make the appointment of County Treasurer, was deprived for three years of that power, for the sole reason that they were supposed to be in favor of removing Mr. Jarboe, the then incumbent, from office. And now, in 1874, what do we again behold? By the law of 1872, the County Commissioners were empowered and directed on the 2d Tuesday in April next, after the expiration of the above term of three years, (1875,) to appoint a County Treasurer to hold his office for five years, but the people of Prince George's county having again elected County Commissioners, who are