THURMONT.

Chapter 260, Senate Bill 217, extends the taxable limits of the town of Thurmont. Almost all the property owners in the region affected have protested against the bill on the ground that it imposes a burden upon them without any corresponding benefits. I have, therefore, vetoed this bill.

UNITED STATES.

Chapter 351, Senate Bill 270, limits the consent of the State to the acquisition by the United States of land in Prince George's County to an amount not exceeding 40 acres from any one tract or for any one purpose. This legislation would prevent the Government of the United States from acquiring more than 40 acres of land for establishing landing fields or other desirable and necessary projects. I have, therefore, vetoed the bill.

VETERINARIANS.

Chapter 477, House Bill 628, relates to the qualifications of veterinarians in St. Mary's County. This bill attempts to establish an exemption as to the general state-wide law governing veterinarians, which I believe to be unsound. I have, therefore, vetoed it.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Chapter 536, House Bill 501, relates to the duties, powers and remuneration of the Sheriff and certain Deputy Sheriffs of Washington County. The present law, which has been in operation for many years, seems to have been satisfactory and I see no reason for making a change at this time. Therefore, I have vetoed this bill.