

1 as apparently the trend is today on the Federal level, or  
2 do we want to retain the local entities?

3 MR. ENEY: What do you mean by a strong central  
4 government on a State level?

5 SENATOR CURRAN: You're going to disregard  
6 county lines, if you're going to retain in Annapolis all  
7 the power to make decisions for these subdivisions who  
8 have given up their representation, I think then you are  
9 placing in the body supreme, be it Washington, or be it  
10 Annapolis, the power of decision making.

11 MR. ENEY: I didn't understand Mr. Hardwicke's  
12 suggestion as saying that. It said --

13 SENATOR CURRAN: He is saying --

14 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: I would give these dis-  
15 tricts real power, real home rule.

16 MR. ENEY: Instead of having nine counties on  
17 the Eastern Shore with local power, you would have one  
18 district of the Eastern Shore, but with one local power?

19 DELEGATE HARDWICKE: With real autonomy.

20 SENATOR CURRAN: You're going to have the  
21 Cecil County area with the bulk of the population; and