

1 those denied to it, and it seems to me that you have a
2 great deal of difficulty in spelling out in legislation
3 the powers that you are denying. If you want to provide
4 that the counties shall not have the power to legislate in
5 matters such as we've been talking about, of private sub-
6 stantive law, statute of frauds and so forth, you would
7 have an almost endless task to spell this out in legisla-
8 tion. Mr. Haile.

9 MR. HAILE: To explore that field further, the
10 counties have the power of taxation and police power to
11 enforce its regulations, generally speaking. In the field
12 of taxation, in Baltimore County, the General Assembly has
13 already said we have the same power to tax that the General
14 Assembly has to tax within Baltimore County by local law,
15 except in the following areas and then they list about
16 fifteen areas where we may not pass an ordinance imposing
17 a tax.

18 So, that has been done in Montgomery County,
19 too, and possibly a third county. It's a broad grant of
20 power of taxation to a local government for local purposes,
21 but a denial of that power in certain areas.