

LANSDOWNE.

(Chapter 601)

House Bill No. 703 prohibits the establishment of plants giving off noxious odors or gases within a radius of three miles of Lansdowne Station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Baltimore County.

This bill was aimed at a particular plant which contemplated locating in this residential section of Baltimore County. Upon ascertaining that public sentiment in the locality was practically a unit in its opposition, the owners of the plant have voluntarily advised me that they will abandon their idea of locating there. There is no need for the bill, and it will be vetoed.

HANCOCK.

(Chapter 606.)

Senate Bill No. 400 amends the charter of Hancock, Washington County.

This bill is opposed by a very large number of people in Hancock. Its provisions do not appear to have been known or understood while it was pending in the Legislature. One of these gives bailiffs and policemen full authority to enter homes for the alleged purpose of inspecting plumbing and suggesting measures for the more economical use of water. Another provision permits the Town Commissioners to borrow money without any definite limit. As far as I can ascertain, there is little need or sentiment for the measure, and it will be vetoed.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTERS.

(Chapter 619)

Senate Bill No. 148 relates to the forfeiture of charters for nonpayment of taxes.

This bill gives corporations whose charters are thus forfeited an indefinite time within which to reinstate them, and permits reinstatements at any time upon payment of taxes for one year. Under the present plan, forfeited charters may be reinstated