

## RIVERDALE.

## HOUSE BILL 861.

AN ACT to extend the limits of the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale, a municipal corporation, by including therein a part of Prince George's County contiguous thereto; and providing that all existing laws relating to, and all existing ordinances passed by, the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale, be extended to cover and apply to such annexed territory, and extending the Second Ward of said town to include said annexed territory.

This bill provides for the extension of the corporate limits of Riverdale, in Prince George's County, for the obvious purpose of annexing the Engineering and Research Corporation which is located in the immediate vicinity of the town.

The Company in question is one of the largest located in Southern Maryland employing approximately 2400 people. The concern, which is engaged in the manufacture of critical war materials, operates upon property of about 100 acres which, with its improvements, is assessed at \$500,000.

Representations were made that, inasmuch as the town of Riverdale was subjected to expense in the maintenance of streets, etc., used by the corporation and its employees, and, further, that fire apparatus is maintained for possible use at the plant, the corporation should contribute toward the operating costs of Riverdale. Officials of the Engineering and Research Corporation have recognized their obligations in this respect and have been voluntarily contributing to the Fire Department. In addition, eminent counsel for the corporation has conducted negotiations with the Mayor and Common Council of Riverdale with the result that an agreement has been effected between the parties in interest whereby payments will be made by the engineering concern to the Town Treasury, the first payment already having been accepted.

As a result of these successful negotiations which terminated subsequent to the adjournment of the Legislature, I am requested by the Mayor of Riverdale, by the Engineering and Research Corporation, and by the Chairman of the Prince George's County delegation to veto the bill which action I am now taking.

## TAXATION.

## SENATE BILL 176.

AN ACT to add a new sub-section to Section 95 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), said