

reduction in the number of delegates, might not be considered advisable. But the depressed condition of the State, the difficulty with which its engagements are met, the loud and reiterated demands by the people upon their legislature for relief, demands that respectful consideration should be given to such requests, and that every suggestion urged by the tax payers, the bearers of the burdens, should be weighed, and if practicable, be adopted. The people of the Liberty district recommend a diminution of the number of delegates as a measure of relief, and this suggestion your committee approve. The relative strength and influence of the different counties will not be materially impaired by acting upon the recommendation, and the annual expenditure of the State will be much diminished. This diminution of expense, if attended by injury to the smaller counties of the State, or by detriment to the public weal, would not be a sufficient consideration of its self to induce the committee to report favorably upon the resolutions referred. But as your committee are firmly impressed with the belief, that no evil can result from adopting the course suggested, and as a considerable expense will be thereby saved to the State, and as the business of legislation will in no wise be impeded thereby.

The condition of the State requires retrenchment in every practicable mode, and as the plighted faith of the State demands, that the debt owed, should be paid to the uttermost farthing, every consideration of policy and true wisdom requires that such result should be attained in such manner as may prove least burthensome to the people. Reduce the number of Delegates by taking off one from each delegation of the counties and Baltimore city, and there will be an annual saving of at least seven thousand dollars, an amount equivalent to the State tax imposed on some of the counties in the State. Let additional revenue measures and retrenchment progress at the same time, and the public mind will be satisfied. They will see that their public servants, their representatives, not only sympathise in their distresses, but by their measures are disposed to protect their honor, and to afford relief.

THOS. E. D. POOLE,
W. P. WILLIAMS,
ISAAC MOTTER,
JOSEPH EBAUGH,
PATRICK HAMMILL,
JOHN W. BOUCHELL.

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Graves,

Said report and substitute were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Gallagher,

Leave was granted the Baltimore city delegation to bring in a bill to incorporate the Mutual Life Insurance Company of Baltimore.