

mand your consideration and for the enactment of which I felt constrained by my sense of duty to exercise the power conferred and discharge the duty imposed upon me by the Constitution to issue the call for this Extra Session.

These three measures are,

1st. An Act providing for an enumeration of our population under State authority.

2nd. An Act to better preserve the purity of our elections by amendments in some vital particulars of our present law regulating the registration of voters and the manner of holding elections.

3rd. An Enabling Act conferring upon the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore full and adequate authority to provide by ordinance for the establishment without delay of a proper sewerage system.

All of these three measures are urgent. Delay in the enactment of any one of them is dangerous and may be productive of injurious consequences.

Any one of them might well justify the expense and inconvenience of a special session. The combined weight of them all was irresistible and left no doubt in my mind that the General Assembly should have an immediate opportunity to pass upon them.

THE STATE CENSUS.

1st. In a public statement accompanying my official proclamation, I called attention to the reasons for this measure in the following language :

“The framers of our present Constitution of 1867, wisely following the precedent set them by the draftsmen of the Constitution of 1864, made provision in sections 3, 4 and 5, of Article 3, for a rearrangement and reapportionment of the representation to which the several counties and Baltimore city should, from time to time, be entitled, for upon the justice and fairness of this representation the excellence of our State government depends. The people of the several counties are manifestly interested, not only that their own counties shall have all the representation to which their population, as prescribed by the Constitution, entitles them,