

merously and respectably signed against all changes in the third and fourth districts. The county is at present divided into four election districts, the lines and bounds of which have long been established, and are well known.

Your committee are of opinion that some inconvenience does and must necessarily exist as to a small portion of the voters being distant from the place of election nor would it be possible, entirely to obviate; their hardships by any new arrangement that could be made to new model the county, into seven districts instead of four, as it now is, would not only increase the permanent expense to which the county is subject for holding elections, but by the inevitable costs incurred in laying them out, would probably subject it to the payment of at least one thousand dollars, which added to the heavy taxes and burthens already imposed on the people of Cecil for bridges and other county charges, would become oppressive, and such as your committee cannot recommend. The committee while they would pay all due regard to the ease and convenience of the voters are nevertheless satisfied that the suffrages of the people of Cecil, are as generally exercised as those of any other portion of the State, they doubt whether there is any one county in the State where as great a number of votes are usually taken in proportion to its population as there is in Cecil county, they are moreover of opinion and four fifths of the committee state the fact to be so that a large majority of the voters of the county of both political parties desire no such change but on the contrary are opposed to it; your committee are of opinion that where districts have been long established, and the people are habituated to their place of voting, they should not be changed or altered for any but grave and indispensable causes, and after the most careful examination of the whole subject, and mature reflection they are unable to perceive any such causes to exist for the change proposed to be authorised by the original law, which the bill referred to your committee is intended to confirm and make part of the constitution.

Your committee therefore respectfully recommend that the bill should be rejected and returned to the Senate.

All which is respectfully submitted,

John S. Comegys, Chair'n.

Which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. McDaniel,

The house took up for consideration the bill reported by Mr. Alexander, chairman of the committee on ways and