

Now, sir, I have grouped the counties for the purpose of showing the effect of the proposition upon the several sections. The counties, in fact, are classified to my hand, in the existing division of the State into gubernatorial districts, omitting Baltimore city from the southern district.

Here is a table showing the white population—federal numbers—total population—white population with three-fifths of colored—and voters, in the respective counties of the State, and the aggregates in the several gubernatorial districts and in the city of Baltimore; together with the number of delegates each will be entitled to under the proposition which I am now advocating:

	<i>White Pop'n.</i>	<i>Fedr'l. Nos.</i>	<i>Total Pop'n.</i>
Allegany,	21,643	22,584	22,779
Washington,	26,888	30,108	30,830
Frederick,	33,300	39,914	40,983
Carroll,	18,676	20,220	20,615
Baltimore co.,	34,354	40,091	41,599
Harford,	14,414	18,498	19,358
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	149,275	171,415	176,164
Cecil,	15,482	18,263	18,937
Talbot,	7,085	12,158	13,811
Kent,	5,615	10,608	11,388
Queen Anne,	7,040	12,776	14,484
Caroline,	6,096	9,370	9,692
Dorchester,	10,788	17,162	18,872
Somerset,	13,417	20,224	22,460
Worcester,	12,401	17,490	18,847
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	77,924	118,051	128,491
A. Arun'l } Howard }	16,542	27,891	32,249
Calvert,	3,630	7,824	9,646
P. George's,	8,902	16,946	21,550
Montgomery,	9,435	13,815	15,860
Charles,	5,665	12,329	16,162
St. Mary's,	6,226	11,359	13,698
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	50,400	90,164	109,165
Balt. city,	141,440	167,830	169,054
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	<i>White Pop'n., and 3-5ths colored.</i>	<i>Voters.</i>	<i>Mr. Fierly's plan of House.</i>
Allegany,	22,314	3,298	4
Washington,	29,252	5,338	5
Frederick,	37,911	6,219	6
Carroll,	19,840	3,275	3
Balt. county,	38,101	4,568	6
Harford,	17,381	2,958	3
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	164,799	25,656	— 27
Cecil,	17,556	2,950	3
Talbot	11,120	1,529	2
Kent,	9,077	1,201	2
Queen Anne,	10,907	1,457	2
Caroline,	8,253	1,203	2
Dorchester,	18,207	2,198	3
Somerset,	16,268	2,596	3
Worcester,	18,441	2,444	3
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	109,829	15,578	— 20

A. Arundel } Howard }	26,052	1,851	3
Calvert,	7,239	900	2
P. George's,	16,489	1,623	3
Montgomery,	13,290	1,725	2
Charles,	11,962	1,051	2
St. Mary's,	10,108	1,171	2
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	85,140	9,612	— 16
Balt. city,	158,009	20,376	— 10
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Were we to follow the example of Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas, by adopting white population as the basis, the figures show that the western district would have one delegate for every 5,528—the Eastern Shore, one for every 3,896—the southern district, one for every 3,150; Baltimore city one for every 14,144.

If we take the Georgia basis—the white population with three-fifths of colored—the western district would have one delegate for every 6,103; the Eastern Shore, one for every 5,494; the southern district, one for every 5,677; Baltimore city, one for every 15,800.

Take federal numbers—the basis of representation in Congress, and that adopted in North Carolina—and the western district would have one delegate for every 6,348—the Eastern Shore, one for every 5,992—the southern district, one for every 5,635—Baltimore city one for every 16,783.

But suppose we follow the example of Arkansas, Missouri, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Kentucky—all of which States are as deeply interested in the question of slavery as Maryland—and take the qualified voters as the basis; the western district would have one delegate for every 950—the Eastern Shore one for every 779; the southern district one for every 641—Baltimore city one for every 2,037.

I have thus shown that if this question has been fairly settled in the southern States, the compromise proposed is in all the aspects presented, a fair one for the Southern and Eastern Shore counties. We find that the western district will have a less representation, in proportion to its voters, or population, than either of the other sections.

But some gentlemen are resolved to disregard the example of other southern States, to abandon the principle acknowledged in the existing Constitution of their own State, and set up a new basis, certainly not recognised in the south, if in any State of the Union; and they seem to think that those of us who are unwilling to put slave property in the scale, not as property, but as men, against the free citizens, are unsound upon the question which has so recently agitated the Union. They are mistaken. But if gentlemen will permit themselves to examine the proposed compromise, they will find that even upon their own terms, it proves itself to be fair. By applying the rule of total numbers, the western district would have one delegate for every 6,524—the Eastern Shore one for every 6,424—the southern district one for every 6,822—Baltimore city, one for every 16,905.

It has been said, that whilst it is proper that