

change in the relative population of the several counties and cities"—thereby implying that at the time of the adoption of the constitution, the relative population of the counties was equal or nearly so, and hence its framers allotted to each county, an equal number of delegates. But such was not the fact, if we may form an estimate of their then relative population from the census of 1791, taken only 14 years after the state constitution was adopted, and that its framers in allotting to each county, an equal representation were not regulated by their relative population, but that they considered each delegate as a representative of the state at large. Calvert and Charles, are two of the oldest settled counties in the state, they have long been stationary in population, and in 1791 Calverts population was 8297, and the population of Charles county 19172, in all probability therefore the population of Charles in 1776 was double to that of Calvert. The population of Prince George in 1791 was 21185; of Somerset, another old county was 17000. The population of Anne Arundel was 22000.

Thus Anne Arundel, Charles, Prince George's and Somerset counties at the time the convention adopted the state constitution, each in all probability doubled the population of Calvert. The members of this body, many of whom have been member of the co-ordinate branch are aware that they are the representatives of the state, and that their duty inculcates on them to make the welfare of the state at large the paramount rule of their legislative action. The delegates of the tide water counties of the state, of whose great disproportionate representation the memorialists complain have had during years past, the control over the funded revenue of the state. Where and upon which counties, have they for the most part expended it, I may almost say lavished it? almost exclusively, upon the counties and city, from which these complaints emanate. The former counties intersected by navigable streams have almost the means of water transportation from their doors. The latter have need of artificial commercial intercommunication. Upon these therefore have the former, losing sight of local interests, expended almost exclusively the treasure of the state.

No further trespass on the patience of the senate will be committed by the minority than to respectfully report its opinion that it is inexpedient to comply with the prayer of the memorialists.