gentleman from Charles, [Mr. Merrick,] had not much to give in, because he said theie is no corruption in Charles county. The gentleman from Anne Arundel, [Mr. Dorsey,] and the acting presiding officer, [Mr. Buchanan,] have given in their experience.

And when the gentleman from Baltimore and others, said there was so much corruption at the ballot box—a thing never heard of before 1836, when they went on to give this illustration, and to complain that there was a great deal of corruption since that time. And when the gentleman from Baltimore city, said, that their was a difference between his constituents, and my friend from Charles, [Mr. Merrick,] on my right, and when the gentleman from Baltimore challenged a comparison, which the gentleman from Charles accepted, he stated as evidence of the purity of his constituents, the fact, that the practice in Baltimore city, was to tax the people there very heavily, and that they raised large sums of money for the purpose of distributing it in the counties for the purpose of purchasing votes at elections;

then it was, I said, it was fairly deducible from the existing fact of no corruption having been known to exist before the change in the Constitution—that the reform movement for the election of a Governor by the people, and the other changes that were made had a tendency to make the corruption which the gentleman had spoken of.

And, sir, I said further, that no wonder the gentleman from Anne Arundel should be highly alarmed, because the gentleman from Baltimore city could send by telegraph money there to control the elections in Anne Arundel. I said, too, to the President of the Convention, that I had no doubt the people of his county were remarkably pure—as pure as the gentleman had represented them to be; but I was not willing to admit that they were purer than my own. Yes! that is all I have got to say about that matter.

Well now, sir, we come down to the propositions. I have got an estimate here from No. 1 to 13:

PLANS FOR APPORTIONING THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

COUNTIES.		(1.)	(2.)	(3.)	(4.)	(5.)	(6.)	(7.)	(8.)	(9.)	(10)	(11)	12)	(13)
Allegany, . . .	22,779	6	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	3	3	3	4	4
Anne Arundel, .	20,000	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	4
Howard, . . .	12,388	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	3
Baltimore City, .	169,054	9	6	6	12	10	6	7	6	5	4	4	6	6
Baltimore county,	41,599	7	6	5	7	7	6	6	6	5	4	4	6	6
Carroll, . . .	20,615	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Caroline, . . .	9,692	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Calvert, . . .	9,646	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Cecil, . . .	18,937	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Charles, . . .	16,162	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	4
Dorcester, . .	18,872	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Frederick, . .	40,983	7	6	5	7	7	5	5	6	5	4	4	6	6
Harford, . . .	19,358	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Kent, ...	11,388	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Montgomery, .	15,860	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	4
Prince George's,	21,550	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Queen Anne's, .	14,484	4	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
St. Mary's, . .	13,698	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Somerset, . .	22,460	6	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Talbot, . . .	13,811	3	3	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	3
Washington, . .	30,830	6	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	5
Worcester, . .	18,847	5	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4
		102	86	82	81	75	72	72	67	66	61	58	69	88

Here they are, Mr. President, and according to all the estimates I have got before me I cannot find one of them for the adoption of the principle of representation according to population; and therefore, how any gentleman arrives at the conclusion to which he does in his estimate, is more than I can divine. For instance, we take Frederick, the great reform county, with the father of this Convention at its head. I do not say any thing about the gentleman's age, but only of his being the father of reform. Well, I take Frederick, and suppose you adopt the plan of my friend from Charles, what would Frederick be entitled to then? She has got five delegates now, which is about the proportion to which she is entitled. Well, you put the number in the House of Delegates at one hundred and two, how many would she be entitled to? But one more.

You go on, then, and take all the reform counties, with the exception of Baltimore county and Frederick county, and you will find that, according to the present ratio of representation, that they all have their full proportion. I say, sir, you may take every one of the reform counties, and with eighty-two delegates as the number,