

ted or advanced to warrant the General Assembly of Maryland, to go to the extent of violating one of the fundamental democratic principles—that of the right of local self government—and place upon the Statute Books of the State, a law which so proposes, I feel that a proper consideration of the rights of the people of the city of Baltimore, whom I have the privilege in part to represent, requires and demands that I do so differ.

And in offering to the House of Delegates the accompanying bill as a minority report, I beg to more particularly set forth additional objections to the present Senate bill, as follows:

1. That it creates for the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and the inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, a municipal department intended to further and promote a purely local public improvement, with absolute powers and authorities entirely separate and distinct from those of the municipal government, and in no manner amenable to or subject to the control of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or the inhabitants of the city of Baltimore, except in the rights of removal of the members of the proposed commission by the Mayor of said city.

2. That it in no manner authorizes or empowers the Mayor and City Council to construct or maintain a sewerage system, but vests such powers and authority in the proposed commission.

3. That it, as drawn, contemplates the future issue of more stock of the city of Baltimore than is provided for, in that it provides for the issue of \$12,000,000 worth of stock for the construction and maintenance of the proposed sewerage system, while it is well known that such will be the cost alone of the construction of such system.

4. That it proposes to make such commission self-perpetuating, except as to two members thereof.

5. That it confers upon the members to be appointed by the Mayor of the city of Baltimore, a power which is denied to the Mayor and City Council itself, namely the power to vote in matter of filling vacancies, as may occur by death, resignation or removal of members of said commission as are appointed by said bill.