

1           At this time I would note that the Court is allow-  
2 ing a number of states, such as New Hampshire, West Vir-  
3 ginia and Wyoming, to have districts with over twice as  
4 many persons per delegate, or per representative, perhaps  
5 I should say, than other districts in those states, and  
6 even here in Maryland I would call to your attention there  
7 are nearly twice as many persons in Dorchester County per  
8 delegate as there are in Kent County.

9           I would also note that the history of our state  
10 has been replete with the struggle to bring about more  
11 equitable apportionment, and I will just touch on a couple  
12 of cases.

13           For example, one of the major issues before the  
14 Constitutional Conventions of 1851 and 1864 was the matter  
15 of more equitable representation. In the Constitution of  
16 1851 we made some progress. In the Constitution of 1864  
17 we made a lot of progress, but the present Constitution,  
18 that of 1867, unfortunately took a step backward and fur-  
19 thered the malapportionment of the state.

20           As to more recent decades, I am sure most of you  
21 here are familiar with the struggle of Baltimore City and