

ceased, to the Young Catholics' Friend Society, of the City of Baltimore, for the purpose of establishing a Children's Aid Society.

An Act making sundry appropriations for the support of the Government for the year ending the first day of January, 1873.

An Act to repeal sections 151, 152, 153 and 154, of Article IV., of the Code of Public Local Laws, relating to "Coroners and Inquests in the City of Baltimore," and to substitute therefor the following.

An Act to add a new Article to the Code of Public General Laws, regulating the inspection of tobacco.

WM. PINKNEY WHYTE,

Governor.

Which was read.

Also, the following,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, Feb. 26, 1872.

*To the House of Delegates :*

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return to the House, in which it originated, the bill, entitled an "Act for the relief of the sureties on the bonds of Stephen R. Gore, late collector of county taxes in Carroll county," from which I am constrained to withhold my approval.

The reasons, given in the preamble, for the passage of this Act, do not justify, in my opinion, this legislation. If the cases referred to have been tried and resulted in verdicts for the defendants, then such defence is now open to them in the pending suits, and the mere fact, that the number of sureties, remaining responsible, has been reduced by the bankruptcy of some and the death of others, furnishes no good ground for the relief of the solvent survivors.

Such is the contingency which forms part of the responsibility assumed by a surety, when he signs the bond of a collector of taxes. Had the bill left the adjustment of the collector's accounts in the discretion of the County Commissioners of Carroll county, I should have interposed no objections, but it is mandatory in its terms and leaves them no control in the matter. On the ground of expediency, therefore, it cannot receive my sanction, but there are grave doubts, whether it is not in violation of the Constitution of the United States.