

Since the adjournment of the Legislature I have been advised that as a result of the passage of the salary reduction bills, all of the above officials, both those covered by the bills and those not covered, have agreed in writing to accept an immediate straight ten per cent reduction in their salaries for two years, and this means a considerably larger saving to the taxpayers of the county than the saving which would result from the approval of the bills in question, and has the further advantage of applying uniformly and equitably to all the county officials above mentioned.

Because of this agreement, I have been requested by the members of the Allegany County Delegation in the House, joined in by the State Senator from the County, to veto the above mentioned salary reduction bills, so that the agreement entered into by the various county officials may be carried out instead.

I will comply with this request from the representatives of Allegany County in the Legislature, and veto the above mentioned bills.

Chapter 504, House Bill 462, reducing the per diem of the Judges and Clerks of Election, and Chapter 144, House Bill 419, decreasing the compensation previously paid the Tax Collector of the First Tax Collection District, who is on a commission basis, will be signed.

ARREST OF MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.

(Chapter 517, House Bill 504.)

This bill provides that evidence of the failure of a motor vehicle driver to stop on command of any officer shall not be admissible unless such officer was in uniform and displaying his badge of authority at the time.

This subject is hardly one for mandatory legislation and the bill will be vetoed.

BALTIMORE COUNTY AUCTIONEERS.

(Chapter 510, House Bill 525.)

The present law governing auctioneers in Baltimore City has been construed by two Attorneys General to prohibit the granting of auctioneers' licenses in Baltimore to anyone who is not a resident of Baltimore City. The county laws, however, do not prohibit the granting of county licenses to residents of other counties or of Baltimore City, and Balti-