

State was fallacious. These gentlemen wanted to make the citizens who betook themselves to the more congenial clime of Baltimore county pay for their police, their fire department, and their Druid Hill Park, which were born of corruption and festering in corruption. The citizens of Baltimore county did not jump over the lines into other counties because the taxes might be less than in their county. They did not do anything of this kind. These gentlemen whom it was desired to strike at voted in Baltimore county, and a man's residence was certainly where he voted.

Mr. Gill thought this objection came with a bad grace from Baltimore county. The gentlemen who come into the city make their money there, and receive all the benefits of the city of Baltimore, should surely not object to pay their proportion of the taxes. He knew of two gentlemen who lived side by side, one of whom claimed his residence in Frederick county, although there only for a month or two, and the difference in taxation enabled him to pay all the expenses of his country residence. Did these wealthy citizens really live in the counties? No, it was only a part of the scheme to escape city taxation. Look how they were burdened now by the taxes imposed on them by the irresponsible parties in power.

Mr. Barry desired to know why the since of the peculating officials of Baltimore city should be visited on Baltimore county. What had Baltimore county to do with the almshouse corruptions, the Druid Hill Park, or any other villainy in the city of Baltimore. They were willing to receive any one who came among them and behaved himself as a good citizen should.

Mr. McKaig said the practice of these wealthy citizens of Baltimore, who received all the benefits of the city protection, in going into the counties to escape taxation, was a base subterfuge, and unworthy of a gentleman.

Mr. Buchanan said the gentleman from Allegany had charged gentlemen who, to his knowledge, had been citizens of Baltimore county for years with committing fraud upon the city of Baltimore and being liars. Such language as this, coming from a member of this Convention, was, to say the least, uncalled for and undignified.