

Col. John Tilghman

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Dear Sir I avail myself of a spare hour this morning to acknowledge the receipt of your friendly favour of the 5th inst.

The Legislature is progressing at a snail's pace with the business, and if we stay here to do all that is now before the house we shall not adjourn before the first of April - the session will be at least two weeks longer than it would have been, had we an efficient speaker - Mr. G. is a very clever man, but he is totally unfit to be the presiding officer of the House of Delegates, he wants energy, has no confidence in his own decisions, and is easily drove from them - The bill giving to Baltimore City two additional members has passed both branches of the Legislature; the new county bill has not been finally disposed of, it was under consideration on Tuesday when the house adjourned, it was not brought up yesterday, the whole day being occupied on the bill, relating to riots - this bill provides, that hereafter, if in any County, incorporated town, or city damage be done to property by any riotous, or tumultuous assemblage of people, the amount of damage so done shall be paid to the sufferers, by the County, town or city in which the damage be committed, the bill passed by a close vote of 21. 20 - The real Estate banks Bill was disposed of on Saturday