The Geo. Legislature

Probably no legislative body which meets under the broad canopy of the heavens is so universally ridiculed and so deservedly as that which bears the name of “Geo. Legislature.” It is a synonym of ignorance and reproach. Formerly it was some honor to be a member of this body, but of late years it has become a great reservoir of filth and ignorance. This arises in a great measure from the manner of representation. Every county is allowed one Senator and one or two representatives. The Legislature generally gives character to the State. If this branch of State government is high-toned, noted for intelligence and talent, the State and the people are considered so and vice-versa. It is then a shame to the “Empire State of the South”, a State alike noted for chivalry, heroism, gallantry and intelligence to have such a presiding body, and the name of “Geo. Legislature causes a blush to mantle the cheek of every true-hearted Georgian. There is a plan set on foot by which Augean Stable may be cleansed, and which should meet the hearts approbation of every inhabitant of the State, viz.: to decrease the number of Representatives which compose this body. Let us briefly review/allude to some of evils of the present system and state/mention the reasons why the proposed change should be adopted.

In the first place, the Assembly is too large, an evil of every county of representative government. The passions of a large assembly are too easily excited. A sudden alarm produces a universal pause