

referred the memorial and documents of John Archer Robertson, have deliberately considered the same, and beg leave to report—

That the rules of Baltimore county court, by the operation of which Mr. Robertson thinks himself aggrieved, do not appear to your committee to justify the complaint that his constitutional rights have been infringed.

That it is right and proper, that the admission of members of the bar should be so regulated and guarded, as in the most effectual manner to subserve and secure the objects for which courts of law are established and maintained among us, and that your committee is not prepared to say, that the rule requiring a probationary residence of three years, is not a discreet and wholesome regulation.

That the rule subjecting candidates to examination as to their moral and professional qualifications, is indisputably proper and necessary, and that the waiver of that rule, in favour of 'persons, whose qualifications were personally known to the judges,' could not justify the expectation in others, that 'an instanter admission would follow' their application.

That it was correctly said by the court, that 'admission as an attorney in other courts of the state, or in the court of appeals of Virginia, does not of itself give a right of admission into this court.'

That it appears, that the application of Mr. Robertson, agreeably to a rule, applicable to all cases under the discretion of the court, was referred to the faculty of law in the University of Maryland.

That on the twenty-seventh of April, a certificate was produced to the court, substantially as follows, viz. In the 'case of Mr. John A. Robertson, I am directed by the faculty to state, that he ought not to be admitted.' Signed by the Dean of the faculty. That on the twentieth of April, in a letter to the honourable Stevenson Archer, the memorialist declined, or as elsewhere expressed, 'protested against, and indignantly rejected' the reference to the faculty; to which the court replied 'your application has been referred in the usual manner to the faculty of law, and in declining an examination before that body, you will necessarily preclude yourself from all prospect of admission.'

Under these circumstances, gathered exclusively from the papers submitted by the memorialist, your committee are unable to discover that he has been unjustly or oppressively treated by the county court of Baltimore county, and therefore recommend that he have leave to withdraw his memorial and documents.

By order,

J. M. Baden, Clk.

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the petition of William Merryman, of Baltimore county, beg leave to report—

That they have carefully examined said petition, and come to the conclusion that it is inexpedient, and would be improper to interfere with the proceedings of the orphans court of Baltimore county in his case, as prayed by the petitioner, and they therefore recommend that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order,

J. M. Baden, Clk.

Mr. Williams obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act relating to the swearing of petit jurors. Ordered, That Messrs. Williams, Montgomery and Speed, report the same.