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HONOR TO WHOM, ETC .- In the biographical sketch of the late Col. Mendes I. Cohen, which was published in THE SUN on the 8th of this month, mention was made of the efforts of many prominent Marylanders, between the venrs 1820 and 1824, to get what has been termed the Jewish disability clause stricken out of the constitution. Under the clause referred to no one who did not profess the Christian religion could hold any public office of honor or profit in the State, and it was only after a struggle running through two successive sessions of the State Legislature that the constitution was amended in this particular. Among those, as stated in THE Sun, who were active and influential at that time in getting this clause struck out of the constitution were Roger B. Taney, of Frederick: John Tyson, of Baltimore city, and ---Wartield, of Allegany. From this list one name, that of Colonel Wm. G. D. Worthington. also a delegate from Baltimore city, was omitted. His speech at the legislative session of 1824, in favor of the Hebrew relief bill, created a strong impression at the time it was delivered, and when it was published in pamphlet form was highly praised by Jared Sparks in the North American Review. By some it was regarded, and especially by the Hebrews themselves, as the speech which, above all others, broke the strength of the opposition.

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