

COLORED LAWYERS.

The President pro tem. of the Senate presented the petition of Richard King, of Baltimore, Md., claiming that the laws of that State regarding admission to the bar is a violation of the constitution of the United States, and praying for admission to the bar of Maryland. King is a colored lawyer. He claims that the laws of Maryland exclude him and other colored men from practicing the law as attorneys on account of their color. His petition states that he is a citizen of Maryland, and has acquired a thorough scholastic and professional education in all the leading branches of the English and American common law. Trades-unions are closed against the colored men and women of Maryland. The same spirit exists in the Baltimore public schools, which excludes all colored persons from teaching in any of the public schools on account of their color. In short, he says the colored people are not treated as American citizens in Maryland.