

## WOMEN LAWYERS.

### MRS. LOCKWOOD IS DENIED ADMISSION TO THE MARYLAND BAR.

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The application of Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, the female lawyer of Washington, for admission to the bar of the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, was decided adversely by Judge Magruder yesterday. In the course of his decision he said: "God has set a bound for woman. Man was created first and woman after and a part of him. Like the sun and the moon moving in their different orbits, the great seas have their bounds, and the eternal hills and rocks that are set above them cannot be removed." He spoke of Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Lavinia C. Dundore, also an attorney, who accompanied her, as two wandering women. He said he prayed God the time would never come when women would be admitted to the Bar of Maryland. Upon the conclusion of his decision Mrs. Lockwood rose to make a remark that the court had misunderstood the principal point in her brief, when Judge Magruder ordered her to take her seat, saying he would not hear her. Mrs. Lockwood was also told to "sit down" as she was about to ask the court to put the decision in writing. The court was then adjourned.

Mrs. Lockwood, as the Judge left the court-room, gave notice that she desired to address the members of the Bar and others present; to explain her position, and that she had obtained permission of the Commissioner of the County to use the room. She was afterward notified by a bailiff of the court that she would not be allowed to speak in the court-room, and, at the suggestion of one of the members of the Bar who, like others, desired to hear her explanation, she made a speech from an adjoining portico, in which she spoke of the court in a very severe but respectful manner, and criticised its decision. She was frequently applauded. Her audience numbered nearly 100 persons. Before she left Marlboro Mrs. Lockwood said she intended to get the case before the highest court of Maryland, either by a writ of mandamus or other proceeding, and that while at first she did not care to be admitted other than to plead the particular case for which she was employed, she had now made up her mind to follow the case to the end, and have the whole question settled by the Supreme Court of the State. She has a case at Port Tobacco to-morrow, in which she will file a similar application if she is not allowed to file the necessary pleadings in the case in which she is interested. She was recently permitted to file an important civil suit in the Federal Court of Baltimore County, involving some \$50,000, in the case of Roynello against Atocha. She says the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate has decided that there is no need of further legislation to admit her to the United States Supreme Court, and that she thinks she will be finally admitted to the courts of Maryland.