

however, it was essential all over the State. They knew the necessity of this thing in Baltimore, where they had seen one ward give a larger majority than there were voters in it. It might happen that the same designing parties would again get temporary control in Baltimore, and they might in the elections for Governor roll up again such fraudulent majorities as would overcome the voice of the whole State. It was best, then to have the registration thorough and complete throughout the whole State.

Mr. Mitchell could not go home to his people if he did not resist this thing with his might. The people of Charles county had been so oppressed by the black republican registers that they had no patience on the subject.

Mr. Denson was in favor of a registry law in Baltimore city and county, and all other counties which wanted it. He did not want to press it on the others, but to let them have their own way. He intended hereafter to vote for anything the counties wanted, which did not interfere with the interests of Baltimore.

Mr. Gill had occasion once to prove in a court of justice that a man had voted sixty times in the city of Baltimore, and when there were only twenty voting places.

Mr. Barry said they wanted a registry law in Baltimore county. If they had none, crowds of men would come out from Baltimore city and overthrow the decision of the regular resident voters of the county. He was in favor of a system of registration all over the State. It was failure in the duties of a good citizen for a man to refuse to take the small trouble of being registered. The Plug Ugly, Rip Rap and other clubs of Baltimore had gone around from poll to poll, voting at each place. From such evils the registry law must deliver us.

Mr. Nelson had gone for everything which Baltimore had asked. He had voted to increase the salary of the State's Attorney for Baltimore city, at the risk, as one of his colleagues told him, of getting Jesse. He was willing now to give them what they wanted, but could not see the necessity of the eloquent declamations against the Plug-Uglies, the Rip-Raps, and having the Blood-Tubs