

Which was read and referred to the Select Committee on that subject.

Mr. Latchford, presented the petition of Jacob Pina and thirty-two other citizens of Prince George's county, asking for an Act of Incorporation of Huntington, in said county.

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Mr. Fenton presented the following memorial of a Joint Committee of the City Council of Baltimore :

MEMORIAL.

Your memorialists, a Special Joint Committee of the First and Second Branches of the City Council of Baltimore, charged with presenting to the General Assembly of the State of Maryland some cause why the corporate limits of the City of Baltimore should be extended, beg leave to present the following facts and considerations :

Fifty-eight years ago the present limits of the city were established by Act of Assembly. Since that time the population of Baltimore has increased in number considerably over quarter of a million, from 50,000 to upwards of 300,000, a gain of more than six hundred per cent.

During the seventy years prior to the passage of the Act of 1816, the limits of the town and city had been nine times extended, the enlargement in every instance, while furnishing large additional contributions to the revenue of the State, being absolutely required by the gradually increasing population of the city, whose material interests, at each extension of its boundaries, were also greatly advanced.

The area of Baltimore to-day is but a trifle over eleven square miles, less than that of any other great city in the Union. Ranked twenty years ago as the third, and even now as the fifth city on the continent. Its boundaries are now contracted by far than those of a score of American cities which it exceeds in population, in influence, and in commercial importance. Philadelphia now includes within its corporate limits the entire county which formerly surrounded it.

New York is enlarging its already immense area. Brooklyn has absorbed vast tracts of land in Kings county. Boston, continually annexing its suburban towns, has recently taken in three more ; while Chicago, an unsettled wild, long after the present limits of our city were fixed, now stretches from North to South, along the line of its lake shore, thirteen miles.