

Mr. Earle submitted the following

JOINT RESOLUTIONS:

*Whereas*, There is, at this time a bill, pending in the Congress of the United States, known as the Supplemental Civil Rights Bill, the purpose of which is to secure certain social rights to the negro race, and among them that of intermixture of races in the Public Schools of the States:

*And whereas*, By the provisions of this bill, negro children are to be placed in the Public Schools of the States, on a footing of social equality, with the white children, in violation of the instincts of race, and in prejudice of usages, which have prevailed, since the terrible conflict of arms, which desolated our country, and which we all earnestly desire should be forever buried in oblivion.

*And whereas*, In the construction of the laws of our own State provision has been made for the education of both races in separate Schools.

*And whereas*, On the second day of this our present session, as evinsive of the proper and liberal spirit, which prevails in our General Assembly on this subject, leave was obtained to report a bill, to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars to the education of the negro children within this current fiscal year.

*And whereas*, This arrangement of separate Schools is entirely in accordance with the wishes and judgement of the most intelligent of the colored race among us, as will appear by reference to our Journal of last session, from whose pages may be gleaned the fact that numerous memorials of the negroes were presented urging the advantage of having the races in schools to themselves, in view of the importance of keeping the races distinct, and avoiding the terrible consequences of amalgamation, alike ruinous to them both.

*And whereas*, Such an attempt may stir up strife and exasperate the races against each other, and lead to deeds of outrage at which humanity shudders.

*And whereas*, There is no necessity for such interference, as will appear by reference to our school reports, from which it will be seen that our present system for the education of negro children is working to advantage, and to their great improvement.

*And whereas*, If this Supplemental Civil Rights Bill should become a law its effect will be to close every Public School in the State, and thus operate the overthrow of our whole system of education, greatly to the prejudice of the cause of learning and the advancement of our people.