

*And whereas*, Such action must widen the gulf between the different sections of our country, and keep open the festering wounds, which it has been the careful policy of our State to heal.

*And whereas*, In the absence of any necessity, we must regard such act as gratuitously oppressive, and a direct and uncalled for interference with the rights of the States.

*Therefore, Be it Resolved*, That the General Assembly of Maryland, do respectfully, but must solemnly and earnestly protest against such act, as unnecessary, uncalled for, unwise and oppressive, as abhorrent to the instincts of race, offensive to the laws of nature, and in direct violation of the laws of Almighty God, as read in His works, and which, in the ruinous results of hybridization, instruct us as to His wise purposes that the races of men, as of the inferior animals should be kept distinct and to themselves.

*And further, Be it Resolved*, That our Senators in the Congress of the United States, be instructed and our representatives respectfully requested to present this our solemn protest and memorial to their respective Houses, and use their best efforts to prevent the passage of this contemplated law.

Which were read the first time.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the Commissioners appointed on the part of the State of Maryland, to confer with Commissioners appointed by the State of Virginia, with reference to the boundary line between the States of Maryland and Virginia.

[See Document E.]

On motion by Mr. Tuck,

Said report was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

On motion by Mr. Davis,

2000 Copies of said report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. Billingsley, submitted the following report from N. F. D. Browne, Principal of the Charlotte Hall School, for the year 1873:

*To the Honorable*

*The Senators of Maryland:*

GENTLEMEN:—I beg leave to submit the following report of Charlotte Hall School, for the year 1873 :

This School although reduced in number to an average of