

which the victory generally goes to the longest purse and the most unscrupulous law breaker. At present the condition of the laws and the apathy of the public conscience make it possible for this body to bring the offenders to justice, though we all know that this crime is constantly increasing, and that the moral tone of our community is being steadily degraded by the sight of the violations not only going free from punishment, but being rewarded by political preferment.

The Jury therefore most earnestly and respectfully demand from the Talbot county members of the Legislature, about to convene, that they make every possible effort to obtain passage of a law which by punishing with sufficient severity the man who buys a vote, and allowing the seller to give testimony without criminalizing himself will make possible some improvement in the present disgraceful conditions, before the young men becoming voters forget that vote-buying is a crime.

Having finished our deliberations, we respectfully ask to be discharged.

Respectfully,

PRESTON B. SPRING,

Foreman.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

*Talbot County, Sct.:*

I hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the report of Grand Jury at the November term, 1903, of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, now on file among the proceedings of said court.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and the seal of the Circuit Court for Talbot county, affixed at Easton, on this 4th day of January, 1904.

F. G. WRIGHTSON,

Clerk of the Circuit Court for Talbot county.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.