

The Preachers Meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Baltimore city respectfully and earnestly protest against the enactment into law of the bills before the General Assembly of Maryland, and the Governor of the State as follows:

1. The so called "Jim Crow" laws which have the effect of degrading the colored people of all classes.

2. The "Franchise" bills which will have the effect of disfranchising practically the whole body of colored people and of placing in the hands of election officials a tremendous and dangerous power of oppression upon white people as well, and opening the way to all forms of political fraud and corruption.

(Signed), JAMES P. WILSON,  
President.

JOHN R. EDWARDS,  
Secretary.

Baltimore, March 14th, 1904.

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

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#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. Johnston, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported unfavorably,

House bill, File No. 522, entitled "An Act to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, section 6 of Article 52 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title 'Justices of the Peace,' sub-title 'Civil Jurisdiction.'"

Which unfavorable report was adopted.

Also unfavorably,

House bill, File No. 222, entitled "An Act to stay executions on judgments and decrees, and to extend the time for the payment of mortgages on real and personal property, and to suspend the remedy of distress for rent for a period of six months in Baltimore city."

Which unfavorable report was adopted.