

gross injustice to the other dealers and business residents of the city to permit others to conduct business operations within a few hundred yards of them and not be subject to municipal taxation or municipal supervision. That steam fire engines have just been bought by contributions from the citizens and from the municipal corporation as such, and the persons now seeking to put themselves outside the corporate limits, have the benefit of water and market privileges, in most cases of lights, and in all cases of police protection and relief in case of fire. That one of the Board of Aldermen comes from the territory sought to be cut off, and we should have the strange anomaly of an alderman for the next two years who is a non-resident of the place, that large sums of money have been expended in re-districting the city under the Act of 1870, and in contesting the validity of the Act of 1870, with one of said persons in the Courts of the State, including the Court of Appeals, all of which litigation resulted in favor of the said municipality; and that since expenditures herein referred to have been made, it would be unfair and unjust and of great inconvenience and injury to the said municipality to pass the proposed law, and the said corporate authorities would pray your Honorable Body, in behalf of the great mass of her citizens, not to pass said bill, and to give them an opportunity to be heard and to produce evidence before the Committee of your Honorable Bodies, believing that they can easily show to such committee the injustice and unfairness of the proposed bill, from the facts herein stated and many other facts which are too numerous to be detailed in a petition of this kind.

And as in duty bound, &c.

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Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

Mr. Lee presented the memorial of the Trustees of the Western Maryland College, praying for a favorable consideration.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Sulivane submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance make report on Wednesday, February 20th, upon Senate bill entitled an Act