

the increase of gates upon the public roads of Calvert County.

No. 21. An Act assigning the interest of the State of Maryland in certain personal assets of Cyntice Cannon, a deceased intestate, born out of wedlock, unto Catherine M. Cannon, of Dorchester County.

No. 22. An Act to create a new Election District in Montgomery County, to be known as "Darnestown District, No. 6, or the Sixth Election District of Montgomery County."

No. 23. An Act to repeal Section 138, of the Acts passed at the January Session, 1874, Chapter 483, entitled an Act to repeal Article 81, of the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, entitled "Revenue and Taxes," and to re-enact the same with amendments, and to amend and re-enact the said 138th Section.

Mr. Cooper presented the following memorial and series of resolutions from the Methodist Episcopal Clergy of Baltimore City.

*To the Honorable,*

*the Senate of Maryland :*

The undersigned committee, beg leave to present to your Honorable Body, on behalf of the Methodist Preachers' meeting of Baltimore, the following resolutions :

*Resolved,* That we, ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Preachers' meeting, in the city of Baltimore assembled, do hereby declare, that we are in full accord with the teachings of our church as uttered in the resolves of its two last General Conferences, and incorporated in our discipline, to the effect that the total legal prohibition of the liquor traffic is both wise and necessary.

*Resolved,* That as a means of accomplishing this result, we regard the method commonly known as Local Option, as a fair, just and practicable one, believing as we do, that the citizens of our State in their several cities or election districts, where liquor saloons, bar rooms and beer shops exist, and who have ample opportunities to observe their practical influence on the health, happiness and interests of the people, and who have to bear the burthens, financial and otherwise, which such establishments everywhere impose, should have the power to determine the question of their continued existence or suppression.

*Resolved,* That we rejoice in the great good already accomplished by this method of Local Option in nearly the whole of five counties in our State, and in a number of districts in.