

the United States is practically to produce perfect legal equality between and among all the citizens of the State, and of the United States, and Maryland has by her own Bill of Rights, hereinbefore quoted, declared that these amendments, equally with the other provisions of the Constitution of the United States, are and shall be the supreme law of this State, anything in the Constitution or laws of this State to the contrary, notwithstanding," Maryland adopts in good faith, and intends to observe, keep and maintain the said 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States, without inquiry into the means and manner under which and through which the said 14th and 15th amendments were declared parts of the Constitution of the United States, this State does not, at this late day desire or purpose in any manner to re-open those questions, and it is an indisputable fact, that throughout the State, the colored citizen has access to the ballot-box, and exercises the elective franchise, as freely and as fully as the white.

Practically then the object sought to be attained by said proposed Acts is already attained and secured by the Supreme Law of the State, without incurring the expense attending a mere formal change in our State Constitution, and your Committee prays to be discharged from the further consideration of said bills.

JAMES U. DENNIS,
M. BANNON,
JOS. A. WILSON,
THOS. HUMPHREYS.

On motion by Mr. Sulivane,

Said bill was substituted for the unfavorable report of the Committee by yeas and nays as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Combs, of Allegany,	Lancaster,
Combs, of St. Mary's,	Lee,
Ford,	McLane,
Freeman,	Steiner,
Garey,	Sulivane,
Gorman,	Welfley—13.
Joyce,	

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. President,	Hill,
Bannon,	Humphreys,
Cooper,	Miller,
Dennis,	Stump—9.
Franklin,	