

Ford, Waters, of Dor., Constable, Ward, Snowden, Gwynn, Cockey, Neal, Purnell, Riggs, Hinks, Naill, Rutledge, Boyle, Vandiver, Culbreth, Goldsborough, Rusk, Berke-meier, Lewis, McWilliams, Hoblitzell, McGlone, Stewart, McAleese, Gill, Chaisty, Harig, Sanders, Fenton, Scott, Farrow, Ranger, Jones, Griffith, Rawlings, Sprigg, Brown, Rinehart, Lamotte, Donaldson, Clark, Dashiell, Gordy, Barnard, Browning—64.

Mr. Lewis presented the following memorial of citizens of Baltimore :

*To the Honorable,*

*The Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland:*

WHEREAS, The citizens of the City of Baltimore, assembled in the Rialto Building, in pursuance of public notice, have learned with surprise and regret, that a bill has been introduced into the House of Delegates of this State, to suspend the operation of the laws of this State, known as the Sunday Laws in this city and in Baltimore county, during several months of this Centennial year of our National existence, and recurring to the principles of civil government, upon which our fathers founded our institutions for the perpetuity and preservation of the good order, peace, morality and safety of the State; and recurring also to the duty devolved upon the people of our State, and especially upon all who are entrusted with authority therein in the several departments of its government, to maintain unimpaired the safeguards of peace, quiet and social order, and preserve from desecration the Sabbath day, we do, therefore, most respectfully and earnestly protest against the passage of the said bill, and do resolve as follows, to wit:

First. That the advocates of the said bill, in proposing only a temporary suspension of the said laws, impliedly admit one of the two facts, viz: 1st, that the said laws are wise, just and necessary, as permanent safeguards of the good order, quiet and morality of the community, and ought to be maintained in their full vigor, except during the specified months of this Centennial year; or, 2d, that, although the said laws do not commend themselves to the advocates of the said bill, as wise, just and expedient safeguards, yet, they are so strongly entrenched in the good sense, sound judgment and religious sentiment of the large majority of our law-abiding citizens, and the determination to maintain them intact and at all hazards, as evidenced by the resolutions of the immense and memorable assemblage of citizens in the Hall of the Maryland Institute, a few years ago, was so emphatic and imposing that the advocates of the said bill have utterly