

Mr. Lynch, from the Committee on Federal Relations, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Federal Relations, to whom was referred the Telegram addressed by J. A. Davis and twenty-three other persons, to the Hon. A. Kimmel, invoking his "utmost ability to defeat the so-called Safety bill," having maturely considered the said Telegram, beg leave to submit the following report :

The Committee do not think that twenty-four citizens of Cecil county have a right to assume to speak for all the voters of said county, numbering over three thousand five hundred. The Committee further believe, that the said twenty-four signers of the Telegram have hastily transmitted the same, under the groundless conviction that the object of the bill alluded to was to create a "Military Despotism," when, in fact, its provisions were intended for no such object, and will admit of no such interpretation.

The Committee are inclined to believe that the above erroneous impression of the twenty-four signers was created by the publication of certain figurative expressions used in the heat of debate by certain Senators opposed to the bill, which said signers innocently supposed were intended to be understood literally.

The Committee, while fully recognising the sacred and inviolable right of petition for redress of supposed grievances, nevertheless, cannot conclude without advising against the adoption of the custom of the petitioning by Telegraph; because it is liable to abuse, no means being afforded of testing the genuineness of the signatures.

The Committee having thus fully disposed of the subject referred to them, beg leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the said Telegram, and recommend that the same be returned to the Hon. A. Kimmel, to whom it was addressed.

ANDREW A. LYNCH,

Chairman.

Which was read.

The Senate adjourned.