

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Carroll McTavish beg leave to report:

That in 1852, leave was granted to introduce a bill to change the name of Charles Carroll McTavish to Charles Carroll.

That in accordance with the leave so granted a bill was introduced, and made the special order of the day. That Charles Carroll caused to be presented to the House a petition against the passage of said bill, setting forth his reasons for objecting thereto. That said McTavish then caused to be presented to the House a counter petition correcting, as he alleges, some mistakes in the petition of Charles Carroll, and requires the passage of said bill.

That with the case thus fully laid before it, the House of Delegates on the 4th of March, 1852, page 313 House Journal, unanimously ordered said bill to be indefinitely postponed.

No new light, other than that given to the House in 1852, has been thrown upon the subject, during its consideration by the Committee. And every thing brought before them only strengthens and fortifies the conclusion to which the House of Delegates came in 1852. And your Committee respectfully think that until some new facts can be adduced in the premises that conclusion should be final and undisturbed.

Your Committee consider that a name is private property, and though the same may be in common with many individuals, yet your committee consider that it is an unwarrantable encroachment upon private rights for the Legislature to give to any one upon his application, the name of another, when that other comes forward and protests against it. A name is the designation of individual identity, and that here we are fortunately free from the sounding titles which are in less happy countries called into requisition to adorn and distinguish it, it is still not without its characteristics for good or evil, and remunerates the child for the virtuous distinction an ancestor has won for it. It is inseparable from the