

people presented the following which was read and after some alteration approved. Richd M. Sauney was appointed to present it to the Legislature & trusted to report to next Meeting. It is as follows.

To the Legislature of Maryland.

Your Memorialists representing the Religious Society of Friends in Maryland would respectfully submit that they feel a deep interest in the advancement of Education amongst all classes in the State; believing that the true greatness of a Commonwealth depends upon the virtue and culture of the people. Intelligent & skilled labor must add largely to the wealth of the State, and industry and sobriety to the welfare of its inhabitants. We believe that these blessings will be largely promoted by the extension of well conducted Schools to all our population, and that they will prove to be the most efficient means to prevent and diminish crime.

Whilst Maryland has made wise & liberal provision for the education of one class of her people, another numbering nearly one fourth of her population has had hitherto no advantage of the kind, except such as has been afforded by the liberality of private citizens. We would therefore respectfully ask the General Assembly to establish separate Schools for the education of the colored people, as a part of the school system of the State.

We are pleased to see that this Subject has been

presented to your Consideration and doubt not that the establishment of such Schools would meet the approbation of all classes of our citizens. It is eminently a work of Social benevolence & Christian duty; a work, imperatively demanded by the unimproved condition of the colored people themselves & necessary for the well-being and safety of the State, and one which we earnestly desire to commend to your favorable consideration & legislation.

Signed on behalf of the Representatives of Baltimore
Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Baltimore 2nd mo. 1866.
J. C. Thomas, Clerk

Then adjourned to the stated time in the 3rd month next.

At a Meeting for Sufferings held in Baltimore 3rd month 18th 1866 - present 11 members. The Committee on colored population had continued. The Committee on the division of the Yearly Meeting properly had continued. The Committee to memorialize the City Council of Baltimore for an appropriation towards the education of the colored population of the City reported that an appropriation of \$30,000 had been made by the Council. They were released. Richd M. Sauney appointed at our last Meeting to present to the Legislature of Maryland the Memorial on behalf of the Education of the colored people, reported that the Service had been complied with & the Memorial had been read and referred to the Committee on Education.