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COLORED STUDENTS RULED OUT.

NO MORE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MARYLAND LAW SCHOOL.

Baltimore, Sept. 14 – The Maryland Law School has determined that it will admit no more colored students. Last year two colored students, Cumming and Johnson, the first who ever attended lectures there, were graduated with high honors. After their graduations two more colored students, W. Ashbie Hawkins and John L. Dozier, applied for admission and were received. They have been at the university one year, and have been notified by Mr. John P. Poe, on the part of the Regents, that they cannot return.

The white students of the Law, Medical and Dental Departments of the university sent a petition to the Faculty protesting against the admission of any colored students to the Law School. Mr. Poe says that sometime last Winter a petition against the admission or retention of colored students was laid before the Faculty, signed by nearly all of the ninety-five students. . . . . A number of students had left the school and others had refused to enter because of the presence of the two colored men, and the school was continually liable to those loses so long as that state of affairs lasted. . . .

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