

Monday, April 20, 1874.

Pennsylvania Woman Suffrage Association.

One of the last petitions ever presented in the Senate by Charles Sumner was the following, which he offered on the 10th of February. Mr. Sumner had promised to assist the friends of Woman Suffrage in preventing the disfranchisement of the Women of Utah:

To the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress Assembled: Senator Frelinghuysen, or the 3rd of December, 1873, presented to the Senate of the United States a bill to aid in the execution of the laws of the Territory of Utah, and for other purposes, which was read twice and ordered to be printed; and

Whereas, there are certain sections in that bill which, if it becomes a law, will do a great injury to a large number of the citizens of that Territory:

First, In that it will disfranchise the women who are now voters.

Second, In that it prevents women from serving on their petit or grand juries.

Third, It will subject them to fine and imprisonment if they attempt to vote.

Fourth, It will prohibit the Legislature of the Territory from ever passing a law to restore these rights. (See sections 5, 6, 7, 19, 22 and 24 of said bill); and

Whereas, Senator Logan, on the 4th day of December, 1873, also presented to the Senate of the United States a bill with the above named provisions, and containing another section, which read as follows:

"Section 22. That the constitution of England, as it existed in the color at the date of the Declaration of Independence, is hereby extended over and declared to be in force in the Territory of Utah, so far as the same is practicable;" and

Whereas these sections seem unjust and oppressive, your petitioners, in behalf of the Women, and by authority of the Woman Suffrage Association of the State of Pennsylvania, would respectfully pray your honorable bodies not to pass a law containing the above named sections, nor any law whatever by which the women of Utah may be deprived of their civil or political rights.

We pray your honorable bodies to grant our petition for the following reasons:

First, because the disfranchisement of these women will render them wholly subject to the power of the men who are voters in that Territory, as they will be compelled to obey laws which they had no voice in making, and will have no power of repealing, however unjust, cruel, or oppressive they may be, and thus will many of these women become more hopelessly subject to the corrupt influences existing in that Territory.

Second, A law that disfranchises any class of citizens, except for high crimes and misdemeanors, is cruel and tyrannical in its nature, and no such law can ever be enacted by a truly democratic government.

Third, Such a law would force one-half of the people of Utah to be governed without their consent, would compel them to pay taxes without representation, and deprive them of a trial by a jury of their peers, all of which are direct violations of the fundamental principles of our government.

Fourth, As the United States Government has never disfranchised any of its citizens, except great criminals, this law would place these women, who are not charged with any crime, in the category of felons and traitors.

Fifth, If the common law of England is extended over and declared to be in force in that Territory of Utah, married women will be entirely subject to the will of their husbands, and the legitimate mother will be rendered powerless, for the common law declares that the very being and existence of the wife is suspended during marriage; that the mother, as such, has no power. It gives the husband complete control over the wife; gives him the right to the custody of her person, and to her strict obedience; a right to her time, property, services, earnings and children. This law would subject the women of Utah to the most cruel proscriptions. It descends the sacredness of the marriage relation by "making it a contract between master and servant, giving the husband complete supremacy, and reducing the wife to absolute submission."

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