

PROTEST
OF
DR. CHARLES T. JACKSON,

AGAINST
THE BILL PROVIDING FOR THE RECOMPENSE OF THE
DISCOVERER OF PRACTICAL ANÆSTHESIA.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

The undersigned, your memorialist, has been informed that an attempt will be made at the present session of Congress to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars to the discoverer of practical anæsthesia, and to provide that the parties who claim this discovery shall defend their rights in the courts of the United States.

Your memorialist invites the attention of your honorable bodies to the report of Messrs. Stanley and Evans on the Ether discovery, made at the first session of the Thirty-second Congress, and to the evidence therein contained, proving that he has been recognised by the scientific world, and by the Academy of Sciences of France, as the ~~undisputed~~ discoverer of anæsthesia.

Your memorialist represents, that although he has so vital an interest in this measure, he has not been consulted in the framing of the proposed bill, and has never, in any manner, assented to it. He asks no reward from Congress for this discovery. He is satisfied with the judgment of men of science as to his rights, and therefore earnestly protests against the passage of the proposed bill, which will compel him, against his will, to abandon his scientific labors, and to spend his substance and time in an expensive and protracted litigation, to defend his rights of discovery in courts of law, which cannot have proper cognizance of questions of science.

Respectfully submitted.

CHARLES T. JACKSON.

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