

nesses to be summoned, and in fact made no other communication. This is the last intercourse the chairman has had with Mr. Welch, in relation to the election. He has seen him very frequently, and has frequently exchanged salutations with him.

Let it be borne in mind, that the above order was passed on Saturday the 2nd. of February, and that on the Monday following, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, there was a meeting of the committee on elections, as will appear from their memorandum book, and that there were present on that occasion, Messrs. Handy, Causin, Spencer, Thomas and Watson, at which meeting several subpœnas were ordered, in the Frederick county contested election: yet neither Mr. Welch, nor any of his friends applied for subpœnas for witnesses, or they certainly would have been ordered.

On Saturday the 16th. of February, just as the Steam Boat Maryland was expected to enter the harbour, and just as the chairman was about to leave for Baltimore, as a member of the committee on Internal improvements, pursuant to an order passed the day before, Mr. Mason, a member of the committee, presented a paper to the chairman, containing the names of several individuals, whom he desired the chairman to have summoned for Mr. Welch; it was stated on the paper, that some of the individuals, designating them, would prove that two persons living within the fort, by the name of Parkinson, had voted for Mr. Swann, and that they were illegal voters. On the same paper was the name of Mr. Denver, who was stated would prove the facts, in reference to his own vote. The chairman told Mr. Mason, he was just about to leave for Baltimore, and could not express any opinion to the propriety or impropriety of issuing the summons, as he had no time then to give the subject any consideration, & that he could not, except in committee, express any opinion about it, but requested Mr. Mason to call the committee together himself, and have the matter decided. Mr. Mason then desired to know if the chairman would, as one member of the committee give his consent to the subpœnas being issued. The chairman, replied he could not assume the responsibility except in committee.

It is only necessary now, to add, that the cases of the Parkinsons are not mentioned in Mr. Welch's memorial, and that according to the order above mentioned the committee had no authority to enquire into them.

The chairman would at all times have called a meeting of the committee, had he been requested; and it is a matter of great surprise, that Mr. Welch, should have asserted, that "soon after the adoption of the the order of the 2nd. ult., he presented a list of his witnesses to one of the committee of elections, with a statement of what he expected to prove, and with a request, that the committee should issue subpœnas for said witnesses." What is meant by the word *soon*, it is not easy to ascertain, as it was precisely two weeks from the adoption of the order, to the day Mr. Mason had the conversation with the chairman.—In conclusion the committee beg leave to report, that Mr. Welch has had every opportunity of a fair examination of