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MR. HANDY, Chairman of the Committee on Elections.

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REPORT

OF THE

TESTIMONY

IN THE CASE OF THE

KENT COUNTY ELECTION.

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*By the House of Delegates,*  
January 17th, 1839.

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By order,

GEO. G. BREWER, Clerk.

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THURSDAY, January 17th, 1839.

This being the day appointed by the committee of elections to take depositions in the case of the contested Election in Kent County proceeded as follows.

James F. Gordon being sworn, deposeth, and saith, that he is the deputy clerk of Kent county court, that he has in his possession the Poll books of the Election which were deposited in the Clerk's office of Kent county, and which he now produces, also, that the copies filed with William S. Lassell's memorial are true copies from said books.

*On cross examination.*

states further, That the first ticket pasted on the last leaf of the poll book of District No. 2, is the same ticket which was delivered with the poll books to the clerk of Kent county, and filed in said office, that he was one of the clerks in Election District, No. 2, that said ticket was taken out of the ballot box by Mr. Nicholson, one of the judges who read it "barrel." Mr. Sappington, another of the judges said it was intended for "lassell." Some low conversation ensued among the judges, first with Mr. Sappington and then with Mr. Mansfield, which conversation witness did not hear; the ticket was afterwards counted for William S. Lassell, Mr. Nicholson was the chief [judge] of said election. Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Mansfield are "whigs" and Mr. Sappington is a "Van Buren" man. Witness further states that on Friday succeeding the election aforesaid, being the return day, Mr. Nicholson brought the poll books of Election District No. 2, and requested him to make an amendment which he accordingly did pursuant to directions, and which will appear by the copies deposed to.