

Mayor Hayes of Baltimore city, and find from the evidence the following:

First. That Mayor Hayes made certain statements in the public press charging that the members of the House were being corruptly influenced to vote against the bill known as the "Telephone Bill," which statements he says and we find were based on

(a) The statement of Mr. John Real, a member of the Baltimore city delegation.

(b) The statements by telegram from a certain Jacob Schonfarber and a certain William Russell, whom he had instructed to remain in Annapolis to watch the progress of the Telephone Bill.

Second. We find that the statement of John Real is such that it would be absolutely impossible to base a charge such as was made by Mayor Hayes upon for the reason that the person who attempted to bribe Mr. Real, was unknown to him, and is still unknown to him, and had no connection with the Telephone Company, that we can ascertain.

Third. We find that the statement made by Messrs. Russell and Schonfarber, were mere expressions of their individual opinion unsupported by any definite fact whatever.

Fourth. We Find that Mayor Hayes made his charges before he knew of the existence of the Hoffacker letter given in evidence, and that there is nothing in said letter criminal or of which this House can take cognizance.

Your committee beg leave to further report that they have gone into the matter thoroughly and have examined every witness who knew, or was supposed to know any fact upon which said charges were based; and further, that the said charges made by Mayor Hayes were recklessly and wantonly made, without any sufficient or warrantable reason.

We submit herewith all the evidence taken before the committee upon which we have based our findings. This being a charge made by a municipal official in this State has been investigated first, and we suggest that any further investigation begun by the committee of its own motion without any definite charges before it would en-