

To the House of Delegates :

The Committee on Elections to whom was referred the memorial of John R. Pattison, contesting the election of Joseph B. Andrews, who was returned elected to to this House from Dorchester county, desire to report :

That, by virtue of an order passed by this House at its session of January 18th, inst. the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Dorchester county, produced before your committee all the original ballots cast in Dorchester county on the seventh day of November, 1899, which ballots were carefully recounted by your committee.

That your committee have considered the arguments of counsel for contestant and contestee and given due weight to all objections as to disputed ballots.

That in the opinion of your committee an actual re-count of all the legal ballots cast in Dorchester county at said election discloses that John R. Patterson received three thousand one hundred and thirty-seven (3,137) votes, and that Joseph B. Andrews received three thousand and fifty seven (3,057) votes, and your committee therefore report that at an election held in Dorchester county, Maryland, on the seventh day of November, A. D., 1899, John R. Patterson was duly elected as a member of this House, and is entitled to his seat, and that Joseph B. Andrews, the sitting member was not elected.

All of which your committee respectfully submit.

ADONIRAM J. ROBINSON,  
HENRY J. ANDERSON, of Wor.,  
GEO. W. TRUITT,  
FRANK J. GATELY,  
MICHAEL E. WALSH,  
FRANCIS V. KING, Chairman,  
HUMPHREY D. WOLFE,  
ISAAC S. BENNETT.

While there was some difference of opinion among us, as to whether or not certain ballots should or should not have been counted, yet I am under the impression and