

fairest way of arriving at a proper result of the vote cast for the contestant and contestee in said county is to examine the ballots. We therefore suggest the passage of the following order:

Ordered by the House of Delegates, that James E. Belt, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George's county, produce the ballot boxes containing the ballots cast at the election held in said county on the 7th day of November last, before the Committee on Elections of the House of Delegates, at the State House in the city of Annapolis, on Monday, February 19th, 1900, at 5 P. M. And it is further ordered, that a certified copy of this order be forthwith served upon the said James B. Belt, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George's county, by the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

ADONIRAM J. ROBINSON,

Chairman pro tempore.

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Mr. Wolfinger, on behalf of the minority of the committee, submitted the following report, and moved that it be substituted for the minority report:

To the House of Delegates of Maryland,

As a member of the Committee on Elections of the House of Delegates, to which was referred the memorial and papers embodying the contested election case of Charles W. Darr against George B. Merrick, who was returned elected, and who is now serving in the said House, I am unable to concur in the opinions expressed by a majority of said committee, and, therefore, beg leave to respectfully submit these statements of my conclusions in the shape of a minority report.

1. There has not been submitted a sufficient amount of testimony on the part of the contestant to the committee-men to establish any fact of any mistakes or fraud on the part of the election officers.

2. In compliance with section 134, of Election Laws of this State, we, as members of this committee on elections, have no authority to demand the ballot box of the several precincts of Prince George's county to be brought before said committee.