

inserted in said column no names whatever, because there were no witnesses before them.

2d. In many instances instead of a witness they have inserted "*Public Repute.*"

3d. Some have, opposite their names, "disfranchised by his own testimony," without any cause of disfranchisement appearing.

4th. Some are disfranchised for rejoicing at the death of Mr. Lincoln.

5th. In some cases the names of witnesses are inserted in the eighth column falsely and fraudulently, no witnesses having appeared before them.

Such are a few of the illegal, fraudulent and arbitrary acts which will appear upon the face of these books. The special attention of the House is respectfully called to them, because it is conceived that an inspection of them will conclusively show that the law was disregarded by the Officers of Registration in its most important particulars—those very particulars which were intended to guard and protect the rights of the citizens against an illegal and arbitrary assumption of power, and that these books cannot be permitted to stand as the guide of future officers of registration without manifest irreparable injury.

Again, in some of the districts, the list of qualified voters with which the Judges of Election were furnished, were not certified in a manner to attest their authenticity.

In the Fifth Election District the said list was not delivered to the Judges until nearly ten o'clock on the morning of the election.

It was acknowledged to be defective by at least one of the Officers of Registration, who requested permission to make some alterations after it was delivered.

The said Officers of Registration did not meet or sit on the last Tuesday and Wednesday of their appointment in September, or on any other days in lieu thereof, whereby legal voters were prevented from applying for Registration.

They did not correct and finally close their list of qualified voters on the Tuesday and Wednesday next preceding the Tuesday succeeding the first day of November, but kept the same open and made alterations therein, registering new names and erasing some who had been registered, until the Monday night preceding the 7th of November.

And they did not lodge with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Somerset county, on or before the day of election, one copy of the register of qualified voters.

Your memorialist has briefly stated a few of the prominent facts upon which he relies to show that there has been