

TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND.

'STATE OF MARYLAND,
Allegany County, to wit :

I, Joseph M. Strong, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Allegany county, duly commissioned and sworn, do hereby certify, that after application made to me by Charles H. Ghr, claimant of the office of Senator for Allegany county, I caused to be served on Alfred Spates, contestant of the election of said Ghr, as such Senator, notification, (a copy of which with the admission of service by said Alfred Spates, endorsed thereon, marked "Claimant's Exhibit A," hereunto annexed,) requiring him to attend at the Court House in Cumberland, in said county, on the day and at the place specified in said notification, to cross-examine the witnesses therein named.

I further certify, that the witnesses whose depositions are herewith returned, beging on page 1, and continuing by consecutive pages to page 53, were first by me duly sworn to testify truly and fully in the matter of the contest referred to in the notification hereto attached; that I caused the testimony of the said witnesses together with the questions propounded by the parties, or their attorney, to be reduced to writing in my presence, and in the presence of the parties or their attorneys, by the witnesses themselves, or by John Gephart, who was first sworn, fairly to write down and transcribe the deposition of witnesses; that the deposition of each witness was taken down in pursuance thereof, and at the time and place mentioned in the notification aforesaid, that each witness signed his deposition in my presence, after the same had been read to him.

I further certify, the papers marked "Claimant's Exhibit A," was filed by the claimant on the date marked thereon.

In testimony whereof, I here unto subscribe my name and seal at Cumberland, this — day of December, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

J. M. STRONG, [SEAL.]

A Justice of the Peace for the State of Maryland,
in and for Allegany county.