

MINORITY REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS IN THE CONTESTED CASE FROM ALLEGANY COUNTY.

To the Honorable,

The House of Delegates of the State of Maryland.

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of William Devecmon and others of Allegany county, contesting the election of William R. McCulley and others, to seats in the House of Delegates, respectfully report:

That having carefully considered said memorial, and the testimony therewith presented, and the reply of the said Wm. R. McCulley and others, present the following as the principal points, for the consideration of your Honorable Body. In answer to the charges of the contestants, as submitted to the Committee on Elections, in the case as above mentioned:

Allegation 1st. That intimidation and threats were practiced on legal voters, by the Judges of Election in the several districts of the county, and by other persons, through the connivance and approval of said judges, which precluded, and prevented a large number of legal voters from voting for contestants, who would have voted for them, but for such threats and intimidation.

We have carefully examined the testimony as submitted on the part of the contestants, and found no testimony to sustain the charges as alleged in the said first allegation.

Allegation 2. The second allegation charges, that the said Judges of Election wilfully and fraudulently refused to permit registered voters to vote, &c.

This charge like the first is not sustained by the evidence; there being but one witness whose testimony goes to that point; and said witness was himself a candidate, and testified that the Judges of Election asked persons to vote the Radical