

On motion of Mr. Young,

Leave was granted to the Committee on Corporations to introduce a bill to incorporate the Potomac Falls Gold Mining Company of Maryland.

Mr. Maddox from the Committee on Elections, submitted the following

REPORT :

*To the Honorable the Senate of Maryland :*

The majority of your Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Alfred Spates, of Allegany county, contesting the election of C. H. Ohr, to a seat in this body, as a Senator for Allegany county, and claiming the same for himself; respectfully

REPORT :

That they have read carefully, and have attentively examined all the testimony which has been submitted, both on the part of the contestant and the sitting member, and which is herewith filed as part of the report of your committee.

The grounds on which the contestant denies the right of the sitting member, and claims the right for himself, to represent Allegany county in this body, are:

*First.* That the Judges of Election in many of the Election Districts refused to receive the ballots of a large number of registered and legal voters, who tendered their ballots to the said judges, upon which ballots so tendered and rejected the name of A. Spates, was printed for Senator.

*Second.* That armed men were at the polls, conspiring with the judges, and acting under the counsel of the sitting member, threatening force and violence, with intent to overawe and hinder the election; thereby preventing a large number of duly registered and qualified voters from casting their ballots for the Contestant, for Senator.

*Third.* That the Judges of the Election, through inadvertance or otherwise, miscounted the ballots, and made erroneous returns of the numbers of the votes cast, both for the sitting member and the contestant.

*Fourth.* That the Judges of the Election conducted the same on a theory, which was in violation of the Constitution and Laws of this State.

There are four points which are submitted by the Contestant as the foundation for his application for a seat in this body, as Senator from Allegany county, against the right of the sitting member.

Your committee in proceeding to examine the testimony, as is applicable to the first point raised by the Contestant, have discovered that thirty-one (31) legal voters, who were