

the evidence disclosed, your Committee would not deem it proper to disturb the result of the returns. But the evidence shows more than this. It shows that the secrecy of the ballot-box was violated under a pretended claim of authority. It shows that Democratic tickets were taken from voters when they were on the line of march to deposit them, and torn up, and Republican tickets given in their place, or foisted upon them by cunning device, and it shows that during the earlier portion of the day of election a condition of things existed about the polls in Marlboro' which must have had the effect of intimidating a class of voters and preventing a free and fair expression of their preferences between the candidates.

In vindication of the purity, freedom and secrecy of the ballot-box, and the protection that should be extended to the voter in the expression of his choice between the respective candidates at the polls, the majority of your Committee are satisfied that a new election should be ordered, and they recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions :

1. *Resolved by the House of Delegates of Maryland, That at an election held on the 4th of November, 1873, for Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's county, in said county, Robert S. Widdicombe was not duly and legally elected Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's county.*

2. *Resolved, That an election for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Prince George's county be, and the same is ordered to be held on the day of 1874, in pursuance of section 12, of Article 4, of the Constitution.*

R. JOHNSON COLTON,
Chairman.

GEO. W. NUTWELL,
THOS. H. HAMILTON,
O. H. P. CLARK,
C. STEWART,
J. WEST THOMPSON, JR.,
Committee.

Which was read, and made the order of the day for Tuesday next, the 17th inst.

On motion of Mr. Seth,

At 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ o'clock, P. M., the House adjourned.