

be Democrats, it is well to bear in mind that Police Commissioner Milroy and Marriott Boswell, Clerk to the Police Board, testify that all changes so made were based upon information as to the fitness and political sympathy of the new appointees, by Deputy Marshall Frey.

Very significant evidence of fraud at the State election, is found in the singular discrepancy between its results and those of the Municipal election held a few days previously. The evidence shows clearly that the same parties controlled by the same organizations, contested both elections, the same principles were involved in each, and no evidence has been offered to show, nor is it the fact that the successful Gubernatorial and Legislative candidates were at all superior to General Latrobe in personal standing or popularity. A marked difference, therefore, between the results of the two elections cannot be satisfactorily explained by any change in popular sentiment during the five days intervening between them.

If we compare the returns of the Municipal and State elections, we find the total vote of the former 53,607, of the latter 58,921, an increase at the State election of 5,314. Now it must be conceded that the vote at the Municipal election of 1875, was the largest ever cast in the City of Baltimore, exceeding that of 1873, by 18,204, and that of the Presidential election of 1872, by 9,390, and also exceeding the registered vote of Baltimore city, as shown by the books of registration on January 1st, 1875, by more than 5,000.

Join to these the other equally undeniable facts that the canvass for both elections was conducted as a whole, sustained by the same speakers, who urged the same arguments and considerations, and was practically closed on the eve of the Municipal election, and that this canvass was the most active, earnest and thorough, and the interest aroused in the people the most absorbing within the memory of any living man, and the conclusion is inevitable that the entire legal vote of Baltimore city if not something more, was brought out at the Municipal election.

Now the evidence before us, especially that from the 5th and 15th Wards, and 1st precinct of the 18th Ward, where the colored vote is very heavy, shows at the State election such general and systematic intimidation and violence practised upon colored people, as practically to eliminate their vote from the returns.

In the 1st precinct of the 18th Ward, for instance, which has a registered colored vote of over 800, it is an undisputed fact, proved both by the Democratic and Reform clerks, that only three (3) colored men were allowed to vote. This shows