

form party. When all these facts are considered together, the proof of overwhelming fraud in the election of November 2nd, 1875, in the City of Baltimore, amounts to absolute certainty. Let us examine a few precincts in each Legislative District, somewhat in detail. Beginning with the First District, which is composed of the first seven wards, we find that in the 2nd precinct of the 2nd ward, Wm. H Slater testifies that he has been Democratic Clerk of Election for several years, prior to the last election, and also Clerk to Registrar of Voters for several years, that the list of qualified voters now contains about 3,400 names, while the legal voters of the precinct do not exceed 2,000; that the vote prior to 1875 ranged from 1,300 to 1,600, but at the municipal election of 1875 ran up to 2,300, and at the State election to 2,900. This addition to the list of qualified voters of 1,400 names, an increase of the vote at the State election over that of the corresponding election of 1874, in the space of only one year, by the large sum of 1,300, sufficiently explains the anxiety of the contestants to have the committee examine the books of registration, list of qualified voters and poll-books, and the determination of the respondents that no such examination should be made.

There is also found here sufficient reason for the opposition in certain quarters to a new registration in the City of Baltimore, inasmuch as it must necessarily verify the charges made by the contestants in regard to fictitious names upon the lists of qualified voters, etc., and show that the great Democratic majority of November 2nd, 1875, has no other foundation or substance than unblushing fraud.

In the 3d precinct of the 4th Ward, Latrobe's majority was 36; Carroll's, 235, and there were 144 more ballots than names on the clerks books.

At the 1st precinct of the 4th Ward, residences of voters were not noted on lists of qualified voters, and the Reform clerk was removed and replaced by one appointed by the Police Board, unknown to the Reform Judge. Repeaters were active and there were 39 ballots in excess of names recorded as voting, accordingly we find Latrobe's majority of 18, swollen by Carroll to 235.

Leaving the 1st district now for the 2nd, (composed of the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th, 19th and 20th Wards,) we find the logic of figures more conclusive. In the 8th Ward terrorism was rife and the Reform vote falls from 563 to 436, repeaters flourished and the Democratic vote rose from 1,643 to 2,391.

In the 9th Ward, comparing the 2nd and 4th precincts, it appears that in the 2nd, Carroll's gain over Latrobe is 7;