

counties of this State, within which any of such property may lie within their several jurisdictions to assess and collect taxes upon the same, and they are hereby directed so to do.

And be it further resolved, That, if, upon demand made for any taxes payable upon any such assessment, the said Company shall refuse or neglect to pay the same, it shall then be the duty of the several law officers of the State, and they are hereby directed to collect the same by due course of law.

Which were read a first time, and

On motion of Mr. Donaldson,

Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Neal, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, submitted the following majority

REPORT.

To the Honorable, the House of Delegates:

The Committee on Elections submits its first report upon the memorial of the Hon. J. Morrison Harris, referred to it by the order of this House passed on the 13th day of January, 1876.

On January 21st, your Committee considered the said memorial, and notified Mr. Harris that it would give him a hearing on Thursday evening, January 27th.

On the 27th January, your Committee received the following letter from Mr. Harris:

BALTIMORE, Jany. 26th, 1876.

Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of your communication of 21st inst., notifying me that the Committee on Elections will hear me in the matter of my memorial to the House of Delegates, pertaining to the late election, on Thursday evening, the 27th inst.

Having had the honor to receive at the State election of November 2d, over 72,000 votes for the office of Governor, and that number of my fellow-citizens of Maryland having been practically disfranchised, and their suffrages defeated by the fraud, illegality and violence practiced at that election, in the City of Baltimore. I felt that they were at least entitled to have their case presented to the consideration of that body, upon whom the Constitution of the State had devolved the power and obligation of investigation and decision.

Accordingly, at the beginning of the session, I addressed to the Honorable, the House of Delegates, a respectful memorial, in which I invoked its attention to the majority of legal votes cast for me in the counties of the State, to the assumed majority illegally returned for my competitor in Baltimore, and alleged that the opportunity for a free expression of their political preference was denied to great numbers of