

qualified voters who desired to cast their ballots for me, which alone prevented my receiving a majority there also.

I referred the House to the testimony then being taken by the Legislative contestants in that city, which has since been continued to a point sufficiently corroborative of my allegations, and submitted the whole matter, in the name of the large constituency who had been thus defrauded, to such action as to the House might seem proper, in view of the gravity of the charges, and the political rights of the people of the State involved therein.

With this memorial, respectful in its tone and serious in its allegations, the House of Delegates was pleased to deal in a manner not usual in Legislative bodies, under such circumstances, but which concerns the large number of citizens who voted for me, more than it does myself.

By its subsequent action, the House saw fit to adopt the disputed election as legal, without inquiry, and proceeded to the installation of my competitor.

Under such circumstances it would seem obviously unnecessary that I should seek to continue any personal relation to a matter which has ceased to be of practical consequence.

Respectfully suggesting as worthy of examination in this connection the mass of evidence taken by the Legislative contestants as affording a valuable basis, either of action, or of fuller inquiry into the wrongs complained of, I very respectfully leave the whole matter to the House, whose Committee you are, for such disposition as it may decide to be in accordance with the powers and responsibilities devolved upon it by the Constitution of the State, and a due regard to the common rights of citizenship.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. MORRISON HARRIS.

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The returns of the election for Governor were delivered at the commencement of this Session by the Secretary of State to the House of Delegates, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2 of Article 2 of the Constitution of this State. The Speaker of this House, in pursuance of Section 3 of the same Article, opened the said returns in the presence of both Houses; and as it appeared from those returns that the Hon.