

now, instead of the investigation promised, instead of the searching inquiry to which the successful party was pledged here, and before the people; the majority of the Committee report that they will not investigate at present, and will only determine at some future day whether they will investigate at all. In this conclusion, the undersigned cannot possibly concur. Their sense of duty to themselves, and the people, as well as their sense of the constitutional obligations of this House, will not permit them to let it pass without solemn remonstrance.

The fact, that Mr. Harris, after what has here occurred, may have chosen to decline an active contest on his own behalf, has nothing whatever to do with the question. His appeal on behalf of the people, who gave him their suffrages, and the thousands who were prevented from joining in doing so, is ten-fold stronger than any he could make on his own part only, as a candidate for office. And when his appeal is backed, as it is by thousands of our fellow-citizens, clamoring for justice, and for the freedom of elections, it comes to us with irresistible force. If, as the majority of the Committee appear to think, we cannot be guided or controlled in the Governor's case, by the testimony taken on behalf the memorialists, who were candidates for election to this House from the City of Baltimore, so much the better and stronger reason is there for us to make an investigation of our own, and if such an investigation is manifestly our duty, why put it off till the end of the session, or subordinate it to any other inquiry? Why not enter upon it vigorously, manfully, and at once? To these questions it seems to us there is no answer attempted to be given by the majority of the Committee which will bear a moments examination.

It does not do to say that Mr. Harris withdraws his personal claims, for if the election of the 2nd of November in Baltimore was fraudulent, violent and void, and Mr. Carroll was not elected, it is our sworn duty so to declare in spite of the returns, let Mr. Harris do what he may. We have to answer to the Constitution and the people, and to no one else. And it is idle, if we may be permitted to say so, to intimate that we can declare the election void as to the delegates from Baltimore city, upon testimony taken in their cases, and yet allow the gubernatorial candidate, who was returned as elected by the same returns on the same ticket, and at the same election, to continue to occupy the Executive Chair of the State. The same election cannot possibly be both void and valid at the same time, and no legislative body can face its constituents or the world with such a proposition. It is not a mere question between contestants as to their individual rights where a decision binds none but the