

immediate parties contesting. It is a question whether or not a great crime has been committed against the right of suffrage, and if it has been committed, and we ascertain that it has been, it is fatal to one and all alike of those who claim under it.

For these reasons we desire to record our emphatic dissent from the course adopted by the majority of the Committee, and the grounds on which they seek to defend it.

HENRY CLAY NAILL,
F. M. LANCASTER.

Mr. Donaldson moved that the further consideration thereof be postponed, and the whole subject made the order of the day for Thursday, the 17th instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Decided in the affirmative.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following communication:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE,
Annapolis, Md., 15 Feby., 1876.

Hon. Lewis Cass Smith,
Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland:

Sir:—The enclosed communication and accompanying resolutions are hereby transmitted to the House of Delegates by request of His Excellency, the Governor of Maryland.

I am, sir,

With the highest consideration,
Your ob't. serv't.,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary of the Senate.

Together with the following communication from His Excellency, John Lee Carroll.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Annapolis, Feb. 14th, 1876.

Gentlemen of the Senate of Maryland:

By the last General Assembly, an Act was passed, (1874, chapter 404,) authorizing and directing the Governor to have painted copies made of the portraits of Thomas Stone and William Paca, formerly Governor of our State and signers of the Declaration of Independence, and also of Thomas Johnson, formerly Governor of the State, who in the Continental Congress, in 1776, nominated George Washington to be commander-in-chief of the armies of the united colonies of America, as a contribution from Maryland, to be placed in the Independence Hall, at Philadelphia. This duty was performed by my predecessor, as you have learned from his executive message, communicated to you at