

Brown, Rinehart, Lamotte, Waters, of Car'l, Donaldson, Clark, Dashiell, Gordy, Barnard—68.

Mr. Naill submitted the following order:

**WHEREAS**, The memorial and protest of the Hon. J. Morrison Harris, and the memorial of the legislative contestants of the City of Baltimore, and the memorial of thousands of other citizens of Maryland, and the proceedings and resolutions adopted by a large meeting of the citizens of the State, held at the Maryland Institute, in the City of Baltimore, protesting against the validity of the election in the City of Baltimore, on the 2nd day of November last, and asking this House to investigate the alleged frauds, violence and intimidation practiced at said election, whereby the freedom of election and the right of the elective franchise was greatly impaired, if not wholly defeated.

*And whereas*, The Democratic party of the State, in town-meeting assembled, at the Maryland Institute, in the City of Baltimore, in December last, passed resolutions, pledging themselves to a full, fair and searching investigation into the alleged frauds at said election, and to correct any abuses which may exist.

*And whereas*, It has been shown by the examination, which is now in progress before the Committee on Elections, that a thorough and satisfactory investigation cannot be made by said Committee, without appointing a sub-Committee from the Committee on Elections to go to Baltimore, to examine the lists of registered voters, the poll-books and the ballots taken, and those counted at said election, and to examine witnesses in connection therewith; for the reason that it will be inconvenient and expensive to have said lists, etc., brought to Annapolis, and that it is inconvenient and expensive for witnesses to attend in Annapolis, and furthermore, it is difficult to secure their attendance, for the reason that said witnesses will be subjected to immediate outlay to cover their expenses, and many of them being laboring men, with families dependant on their daily labor for support, and in addition to this, they have not the money to defray their expenses; and it is well known to this House that such witnesses cannot be reimbursed for such expenses until the Legislature appropriates funds for that purpose, therefore be it

**Ordered**, That the Committee on Elections be and it is hereby directed and empowered to appoint a sub-committee from its own number to go to Baltimore city, with power to examine all said lists, books, ballots, documents or other evidence connected with said election of November 2nd, and the investigation of the same; and the said sub-committee shall have full power to send for persons and papers, to administer