

We, therefore, submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That Asa A. Lawrence is entitled to a seat in this Senate as the Senator from St. Mary's county.

By order of the Committee,

A. P. GORMAN,
Chairman.

Pending the consideration of the Report,

Mr. Brewer moved that the further consideration of the Report and Resolution be postponed, and that it be made the order of the day for Saturday at 12 o'clock, M., and that the contestant be permitted to be heard upon the floor of the Senate.

Which was decided in the negative by yeas and nays as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Bannon,
Brewer,
Dennis,
Knight,

Phelps,
Stevens,
Walsh—7.

NEGATIVE.

Messrs. President,
Freeman,
Ford,
Getty,
Gorman,
Hepbron,
Humphreys,

Lee,
Lloyd,
McCulloh,
Mudd,
Steiner,
Suit—13.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the Report and Resolutions,

It was adopted.

Also, by Mr. Gorman, from same Committee, the following

REPORT AND RESOLUTION.

In the matter of the contested election of the Senator from Calvert county, your Committee respectfully report, that from a full and fair examination of the testimony adduced before them, that at the election held on the 2nd day of November, 1875, that it appeared by the returns made to the Governor of the State, that Nathaniel Duke received one thousand and forty-six votes, and Joseph A. Wilson received one thousand and forty-one votes, being a majority of five votes for Nathaniel Duke, the sitting member.

The contestant, Joseph A. Wilson, alleges the returns are incorrect and too large; that votes were received and counted for Duke which were improper; that votes of persons who had been convicted of infamous crimes were received and counted for Duke to the number of five; that the votes of two