

Mr. Compton presented the following:

*To the Honorable,*

*The General Assembly of Maryland:*

The memorial of A. Lingan Jarrett, of Harford county, humbly shows, that on the 10th day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty, he was declared elected to the office of Comptroller of this State by the House of Delegates, and immediately thereafter entered into bond as such in the form and penalty prescribed by the Code, with Otho Scott and Henry D. Farnandis, Esquires, two good and sufficient securities.

That on the sixteenth day of said month he presented said bond to His Excellency, Thomas H. Hicks, Governor of Maryland, and asked that the said bond might be approved by him and your memorialist sworn into office. That His Excellency, although certifying to the sufficiency of the security on said bond, denied the election of your memorialist as declared by the House of Delegates, and refused to administer to him the oath of office prescribed by the Code.

Your memorialist then took and subscribed the said oath before a Justice of the Peace in the presence of the Governor, and delivered the same to the Secretary of State for record.

Your memorialist further shows, that being advised by counsel, that the certificate of the Governor upon his bond was a virtual approval of the same, had it recorded in the office of the court of Appeals, and demanded of William H. Purnell, Esq., who was in possession of the Comptroller's office, said office, together with the books and papers appertaining to the same, and he refused to deliver the possession thereof, denying the authority of your memorialist to demand the same.

Your memorialist further shows, that he has caused proceedings for the State's Writs of Mandamus to be instituted in the Circuit court of Anne Arundel county, for the purpose of placing him in possession of said office, but that the Governor not only denies the legality of the election of your memorialist, but also the right and power of the Court to issue a Mandamus against him, and by the technicalities of the law, has prevented said suit from being brought to an issue, and it consequently remains undetermined.

Your memorialist therefore prays, that inasmuch as he has exercised with due diligence all the means and power at his command to obtain the office to which he was duly declared