

MAJORITY REPORT.

The majority of the Committee on the Contingent Fund, respectfully Report, that they have examined the accompanying accounts of the Contingent Fund, placed at the disposal of the late Executive, and find them correct according to law, with the exceptions hereinafter mentioned.

The committee find that Executive warrants, No. 82, for \$50; No. 85, for \$5.75; No. 86, for \$62.25; No. 87, for \$500; No. 89, for \$14.25; No. 90 for \$754.25; No. 101, for \$273.09; for 1857, and No. 6, for \$52.85; for 1858, in all amounting to the sum of \$1712.44; were issued to pay the expenses incident to the interference of the late Executive, with the recent elections in the city of Baltimore.

Of these warrants No. 101, for \$273.09; was to pay George P. Kane, for cartridges furnished by him, to be used on the singular occasion above mentioned.

Those cartridges were not used so far as your committee can discover, nor has it come to our knowledge, what disposition has been made of them.

The other items above specified, appear to be for the extraordinary expenses of that campaign; including the charge of \$754.25, for freight on the muskets, benevolently loaned to Maryland by the Governor of Virginia, an act of "comity," that your committee think deserves the special notice of the General Assembly, an expression of their opinion on that proceeding of Maryland. But your committee does not deem it necessary to enter into any further specific details of the items above referred to.

We deem it our duty here to record our protest against the expenditure of the State's money, for any such purposes. It is entirely unnecessary for us to enter into any argument in the absence of constitutional or legal authority, for Governor Ligon's action in this matter.

The Legislature and the people of the State, have thoroughly examined the whole subject, and have most unequivocally con-