

thirty-six ballots voted which were rejected by the judges of the election, for the Delegates to the House of Representatives, and counted for Governor and Senator.

It ran in these words.

### TARIFF TICKET.

FOR GOVERNOR.

THOMAS G. PRATT.

FOR SENATOR.

WILLIAM J. ROSS.

WILLIAM COST JOHNSON,

EDWARD BUCKEY,

JOHN F. ELDER,

GEORGE BOWLUS,

THOMAS E. D. POOLE.

The designation "for the House of Delegates," being omitted. Had these ballots been declared, legal for Mr. Bowlus, he would still need fourteen or fifteen more to entitle him to the seat of the sitting member. To make up this deficiency it would become necessary to go behind the ballot box, and establish the fact that several votes were cast for the sitting member, which were illegal for want of qualification in the voters by reason of minority, non-residence or other disability. Daniel S. Biser, the sitting member also represents to your committee, that if necessary to sustain his election, he will be prepared to show that several votes were cast for Mr. Bowlus, which were illegal for like causes; notwithstanding, it is the opinion of your committee, that this House has full jurisdiction over all questions, touching the election of its members, yet in consideration of the protracted and expensive nature of the enquiry as to the want of qualification of voters in this case, they deem it expedient at this time, that the House should decline that investigation; and, as the decision of the question respecting the *thirty-six* ballots alluded to in favor of the memorialist, would not entitle him to his seat, unless he also established the illegality of several other votes, which are necessary to give him a majority over the sitting member. Your committee, therefore, recommend that George Bowlus, the memorialist, withdraw from the files of this House his petition, in which he claims the seat of Daniel S. Biser, and that he be allowed the mileage and per diem of a member of this House up to the day inclusive of the final action of the House on this report.