

General Assembly in any way, but were merely the personal and warm friends of the several parties, who, in general estimation are esteemed as candidates or aspirants for the position of United States Senator.

From all the testimony thus taken, your committee, with great satisfaction, are enabled unanimously to report, that there is no foundation whatever for any charge, or the rumor of a charge, that any member of this General Assembly has received or been offered a bribe in connection with the election of United States Senator, and they unhesitatingly pronounce all such charges and rumors false. Not only has no such bribe been so offered or received by any member of this General Assembly, but, as far as your committee can ascertain, no influence has been exerted in behalf of any of the candidates, beyond that which is used in behalf of rival aspirants for every official position within the gift of the Legislature. Warm friends and zealous advocates for each favorite have been discovered, but no influence appears to have been used by any of them, except that of personal appeals, to individual members, and the earnest and warm discussion of the past records, and supposed future course in politics, of the favorite or opposing candidate. Your committee also report, that they have been unable to discover proof that any place, or position, or contract, or the promise of any place, or position, or contract, under the General Government, has been promised or offered to any member of this General Assembly, or to their relatives or friends, in consideration of influence in the support of any candidate for the Senatorship.

Your committee therefore, from the evidence thus produced before them, pronounce such charges and rumors entirely without foundation.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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UPTON BUHRMAN,
OLIVER MILLER,
H. J. C. TARR,
MOSES SHAW.

Which was read and accepted.

On motion of Mr. Slothower,
The House adjourned.