

MEMORIAL.

To the Honorable,

The Senate of Maryland:

The memorial of Hart B. Holton of Howard county respectfully represents, that he was a candidate for a seat in your body at the election of November 8th, 1864, as the representative therein of Howard county, and that a large number of votes at that election were cast for him for that office, and at the same time a large number were cast for Littleton Maclin, who was returned as elected.

Your memorialist further represents that believing that said Maclin was not constitutionally eligible to a seat in your body, and designing to contest his election, he served upon said Maclin a notice of his said intention, a copy of which notice is hereto annexed. He further represents that subsequent to said notice, he did, in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland, serve upon said Maclin a notice of his intention to take testimony to substantiate his position, and thereafter at the time fixed in said notice, he proceeded in the presence of said Maclin and his legal counsel, to examine witnesses and take testimony to that end, a transcript of which testimony will by the magistrate taking the same, be transmitted to the presiding office of your Honorable body as required by law.

Your memorialist submits that the testimony so taken fully sustains his position and belief of the ineligibility of said Littleton Maclin, and he therefore prays your Honorable Body to declare the votes cast for said Maclin properly to be regarded as blanks, having been cast for one not competent under the Constitution of our State to hold a seat in your body, and to accord the same to your memorialist as the person qualified for a seat in your body, who received the highest number of votes in Howard county at said election of November 8th 1864.

HART B. HOLTON.

Annapolis 4th Jan., 1865.