

honor, profit or trust, under the laws of this State." This disqualification your committee do not understand to be claimed in this case. "Any person who has been in any manner in the service of the so called Confederate States of America, cannot so hold." This disqualification is not claimed, nor that he has voluntarily left this State and gone within the military lines of the so called "Confederate States" or armies with the purpose of adhering thereto.

"Any person who has adhered to the enemies of the United States either by contributing to the enemies of the United States, or unlawfully sending within the lines of such enemies money or goods or letters, or information, or who has disloyally held communication with the enemies of the United States is not so qualified." Your committee do not understand any of these disqualifications to be alleged in the case.

"If any person has given any aid, comfort, countenance or support to those engaged in armed hostility to the United States, or who has by any open deed or word declared his adhesion to the cause of the enemies of the United States, or his desire for the triumph of said enemies over the arms of the United States, he is disqualified from holding any office of honor, profit or trust under the laws of this State." Disqualification under one or more of these clauses is alleged against the sitting member in this case. This is a question of fact, the truth or falsity of which is to be determined by testimony, which your committee now proceed to examine.

Mr. Holifield's deposition sets forth, that about the commencement of the rebellion, he had a long conversation with Mr. Maclin, on Bond's porch, at Ellicotts Mills, in the presence of a number of other persons, several of whom afterwards entered the rebel service, in which they still continue; that Dr. Maclin denounced violently the National Government, said it was no government, and we had no government, and Maryland ought to have seceded. On other occasions the deponent heard him express similar sentiments even as late as March 1864, he denounced the manner of carrying on the war, denounced the carrying on the war, denounced the President and the whole Union Army, as thieves and robbers. This last conversation took place in the Court room at Ellicotts Mills, many persons were in the Court room at the time. Samuel B. Espey deposes, that he had a conversation with Dr. Maclin on Grove's porch, the Dr. talked a great deal about Black Republicans, and styled deponent a Black Republican. About a year and a half afterwards heard Dr. Maclin on Bond's porch say, Maryland should have seceded, joined with the South and formed part of the Southern Con-