

REPORT

IN THE CASE OF JARRETT VS. PURNELL.

The Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of A. L. Jarrett, contesting the right of Wm. H. Purnell to the office of Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Maryland, beg leave to submit the following report :

The memorial charges, substantially—

1st. That at the election held on the 2d of November, A. D. 1859, for Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Maryland, the memorialist received thirty-eight thousand four hundred and eleven votes, and that Wm. H. Purnell received forty-eight thousand seven hundred and two votes.

2d. That in the several counties, excluding the city of Baltimore, the memorialist received thirty-three thousand and seventy-six votes, and the said Purnell thirty thousand five hundred and eighty-four votes ; and that, of the votes so returned and professing to have been cast in the said city, the memorialist received five thousand three hundred and thirty-five, and the said Purnell eighteen thousand one hundred and eighteen.

3d. That the election in Baltimore was illegal and fraudulent, and the votes cast not entitled to be counted ; that many persons were permitted to vote for said Purnell who were not entitled to vote, and that many were prevented from voting for the memorialist by intimidation and violence ; that many persons voted for said Purnell many times in many wards ; that the memorialist received a large majority of the legal votes cast for Comptroller of the Treasury, and that he is, therefore, duly elected to said office.

In this case, as in that of Kerr vs. Gaither, your committee determined to limit the investigation to the question, as to