

election by the Democrats, and the disposition manifested to allow it to go by default, 5335 votes were polled for Mr. Jarrett; that about the middle of the day, the reformers by concert of action, abandoned the polls, and that in some of the wards where they thus left, the election had been conducted up to that time, with an unusual degree of good order; that in many of the wards in the city, the reform movement was regarded by the Democrats with distrust, as a "Whig trick," in the language of one of the witnesses; and in those wards there was no regular reform organization. Such is the general scope of the testimony produced on the part of the incumbent.

Much stress was laid upon the fact, that improper places were selected for holding the polls, and this is commented on with severity by the majority, in one of their reports. In reference to no ward was the complaint more general than the 11th, it being insisted that the polls were located in a disreputable and unsafe neighborhood. It turned out however, upon the examination of one of the judges of the election, that the place where the polls were held was selected, not by the American judges, but by one of the most prominent leaders of the Reform party.

Continual reference was made in the testimony produced by Mr. Jarrett, and by the majority in their reports, to the *striped tickets* used by the American party at the election, as precluding the secrecy intended to be secured by the vote by ballot, the very ticket filed as an Exhibit, by Mr. Mowbray, on page 77 of the book, shows the unfounded nature of this assertion. There was no mark on the back of the ticket to identify it, and it was impossible to discover the mark upon its face when it was folded, as they always are, to be deposited by the voters. As well might it be alleged, that the secrecy of the ballot was invaded by the Reform tickets, which were proved to have been printed on larger paper than those of the American party.

The charge of a systematic or premeditated riot, is contradicted by every witness examined on the point.

It is no part of the intention of the undersigned to defend the political organizations called clubs, which were proved to exist in the city of Baltimore; but the testimony adduced before them shows that such clubs are not of recent origin, and that the clubs of the Democratic party, glorying in the names of the "Bloody Eighths," "Double Pumps," "Calithumpians" and "Butt-Enders," are not behind their American cotemporaries in disorderly conduct.

Unfortunately it is too true that elections in Baltimore, as in all large cities have never been conducted without disorder.