

*To the Honorable the House of Delegates of Maryland :*

The undersigned, William H. Purnell, Comptroller of the Treasury of Maryland, by way of counter memorial or answer to the memorial of A. Lingan Jarrett, Esq., heretofore addressed to the Honorable the House of Delegates in reference to the election held in November last for Comptroller of the Treasury, respectfully represents to your Honorable Body:

That he admits the memorialist and this respondent were the only candidates for the said office presented at said election, and that the number of votes received by the said candidates respectively throughout the State of Maryland, in the several counties of the State and in the city of Baltimore, are correctly set forth in the said memorial.

He further admits that it appearing from the returns of said election made to the Governor of Maryland, that this respondent had received the greatest number of the votes cast for Comptroller, the Governor in obedience to the directions of the Constitution of the State issued to this respondent a commission as Comptroller; that he has duly qualified by taking and subscribing the oaths required by the Constitution and laws and giving bond, which has been duly approved as required by law, and that he has entered upon the discharge of the duties of said office as of right he ought to do.

This respondent, further answering, says, that he has no personal knowledge as to the alleged violence and intimidation of voters at said election in the city of Baltimore, and that no person more regrets the same, if any such did occur, than this respondent. Nor has this respondent any knowledge of the admission of illegal votes in his behalf at said election, or of the rejection of legal votes in behalf of the contestant, although he has heard that such was alleged to be the case. But he avers that he has also frequently heard and believes that many illegal votes were received in the said City at the said election in behalf of the contestant, and that many persons were prevented from voting at said election, who would have voted for this respondent, if they had been permitted to vote.

This respondent further represents that he has heard and believes that his name was printed as candidate for Comptroller on all the "American" tickets prepared to be voted and actually voted at the said election throughout the State, and he has also been informed and believes that his name was also printed on a large number of the Reform tickets prepared to be voted at said election in the city of Baltimore, and that