

## MINORITY REPORT.

*To the Honorable the House of Delegates:*

A minority of the Committee on Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of William J. Brittingham and others, of Somerset county, respectfully report, that said memorialists ask—

1st—That this House shall award to the memorialists the seats now occupied by the Delegates from Somerset county; or,

2d—That this House declare the election null and void, and the seats vacant, and order a new election for Delegates in Somerset county; or,

3d—That “an inquiry into all the matters in said memorial charged, may be ordered, with full power to send for persons and papers, and that all the circumstances relating to said election may be fully and fairly investigated, and when the facts are clearly ascertained, that such order may be taken by the House of Delegates as to them (may) seem most proper.”

By section 55 of article 35 of the Code of Public General Laws, it is provided that, “the party intending to contest an election for the Senate or House of Delegates, shall give notice of such intention to the person returned, within thirty days after the Judges of election shall have made known publicly the state of the polls.” Other sections of the same article pro-