

takes the Ballots as required by the 12<sup>d</sup> Article of the Form of Government  
nor were the said Ballots taken by a Clerk - That no Clerk to take the  
said Ballots was sworn and qualified according to the Constitution -  
That sundry voters were permitted to put in two Ballots from an idea  
that he might vote for two persons as Sheriff, and such Ballots were  
received by the Justices who acted as Judges aforesaid, whereby such  
voters had an opportunity of voting twice for the same Candidate - That  
the Judges of the said Election Benjamin Conter and Henry Barnes, on  
the Thursday of the said Election adjourned the polls at sundry times  
from about one o'clock of the said Day until midnight so that the  
polls were not open but very little more and by means thereof pre-  
vented very near three hundred voters from polling who were there  
ready and desirous to vote and frequently requested that the polls might  
be kept open - That a number of people were very noisy and riotous  
which was assigned by the Judges of the Election as a reason why they could  
not or wd. not keep the election open, and that the ballots as taken were  
looked at and examined by Henry Barnes - That James Simms also a  
Candidate and whom the said Judges have declared elected Sheriff told his  
friends to take possession of the house and keep the same till midnight  
and that he would find them in greg. and that a number of people  
thereupon became very riotous - Your Memorialists pray that a  
Commission may not issue to the said James Simms as Sheriff  
of Charles County, but as three hundred or more voters were upon  
the spot and desirous and willing to vote if not prevented by such ill  
conduct a new election may be had for the said Office of Sheriff  
and that a day may be appointed for your Memorialists to  
bring forward proof to substantiate the facts above set forth  
and your Memorialists will pray for  
Char. Mantem  
Ben Lawood  
W. Brawner Jm.

The Court adjourned till tomorrow morning