

On the application of William R. Dawson the Board look into consideration the objections raised by the Memorial of said Dawson to the Return of the Judges of Election of Allegany County relative to the Election of Sheriffs for said County. The Memorial states that a Number of Votes which were given to the Memorialist by his true name in District Number six, were certified by the Judges of that District to the presiding Judges, as being given to William R. Dawson; in consequence of which erroneous certificate one hundred and thirty five Votes were lost to the Memorialist. That to those Votes he was entitled, and that if they had been counted in his favour, he would have been the first upon the Poll, and not Thomas Pollard who is first named in the Return to this Department. The Memorialist prays that this error may be corrected either by a new Election or in such other manner as to the Board should seem most proper. After a full consideration of the subject, the return of the Judges to this Department is deemed conclusive upon the questions raised by the Memorial, and that it would violate both principle and precedent to let in collateral matter for the purpose of impeaching it or shewing its incorrectness. How far the existing provisions of the Law, the Constitution relative to this subject require amendment, it is for the Legislature alone to determine. The construction however which the Board feel themselves bound to give to their jurisdiction upon this subject, as at present defined and established compels them to determine (though reluctantly) that a Commission ought to be given to Thomas Pollard who upon the face of the Return appears to have a Majority of Legal Votes. Commission issued accordingly.

John Stephen
Thomas W. Hall

Thursday October the 22. 1812

His Excellency the Governor and The Honorable Thomas W. Hall and Reverdy G. Hiselein appeared in the Council Room.

Friday October the 23. 1812

The Council met. Present His Excellency the Governor and The Honorable John Stephen Thomas W. Hall and Reverdy G. Hiselein.

The State of Maryland to wit, The Board being in possession of the Returns