

R E P O R T.

Mr. Loughridge from the minority of a select committee reported a bill entitled, an act to repeal the second section of the act of 1809, chapter 22, relating to the mode of electing Senators to represent this State in the Senate of the United States, accompanied with the following

REPORT.

The undersigned, a minority of the special committee to whom was referred the bill entitled, an act to repeal the act passed November session 1809 chapter 22, not being able to concur in the views entertained by a majority of said committee, begs leave to give his views on the subject by a minority report.

It cannot be denied that ever since the adoption of the Federal Constitution in the election of the Governor by the Legislature, the incumbent was chosen alternately from the Eastern and Western Shore of the State; and it is equally certain that in the selection from the Western Shore the choice has, with one exception, been confined to Baltimore city, and the counties of Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's, to the entire exclusion of all the counties north and west of the above named city and counties, thus depriving the Western Shore of honors which her population, wealth, intelligence and patriotism entitled her to, in common with other parts of the State. To remedy this crying evil, and to avoid dangerous sectional legislation, the Constitution was changed in 1836 and 1837, laying off Gubernatorial districts from which the Governor should alternately be chosen by the people. This wise and just provision so commended itself to the inherent sense of political justice in the State, that it was engrafted upon the new constitution, which has been adopted by an overwhelming majority of the people, and is thus commended to our favorable consideration as a precedent by an authority which none dare disregard. In analogy to the practical regulation respecting the selection of Governor, the act of 1809, chapter 22, was passed; in relation to the selection of United States Senator, and which in its practical operation has been